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BIRTH.

KIDD—December 18, 1935, at Whitchurch, Hereford, to Margaret, wife of the Rev. G. F. Kidd, C.M.S., Kenya, a son.

MARRIAGES.

BANON and FFRENCH—December 17, 1935, at St. James's, Spanish Place, London, with Nuptial Mass, by the Rev. Father Scanlon, C.C., Christopher, eldest son of the late C. J. Banon and Mrs. Banon, Innishall (Castle, King's County, to Katherine, youngest daughter of the Honble. John ffrench and Mrs. ffrench, of Castle ffrench, Ballinasloe, County Galway.

MURPHY and COTTER—December 2, 1935, at the Church of the Three Patrons, by the Rev. M. C. Troy, Orsch, son of Mrs. L. D. Murphy and the late Jr. J. J. Murphy, 18 Harcourt street, to Nora, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A Cotter, 3 Vernon Grove, Rathgar.

DEATHS.

COGAN—On Friday, December 20, 1935, at the County Hospital, Navan, Mary Teresa Cogan, Oxcold, Lisduff, Kells. R.I.P. Funeral took place on Sunday at Ballinlough at 2 o'clock. Australian papers please copy.

COOKE—December 23, 1935, at 1 Brookhill Avenue, Belfast, Lily, widow of late Canon Cooke, Rector of Powerscourt, County Tipperary, aged 87 years. "So He giveth His beloved sleep." Funeral private.

COLTHURST—December 21, 1935, at 8 Home Farm road, Whitehall, Henry Williams, eldest son of the late William Colthurst and the late Mrs. Frances Colthurst, of Cork. Funeral private.

COYLE—December 22, 1935, at his residence, 25 Finglas road, Dublin, in his 62nd year, Alfred Bernard Coyle, of Coyle and Co. (Brokers), Ltd., 7 Anglesea street, Dublin. R.I.P. Interred in Glasnevin cemetery.

CROFTON—December 20, 1935, at Wimbledon, Kate Dunbar, widow of the late Captain W. J. Crofton, R.A.M.C.

DICKSON—December 23, 1935, at Ballinaguddagh, Meath, William Dickson, dearly-loved husband of Elizabeth Dickson, aged 28 years. Funeral to Moate to-morrow (Wednesday) at 2.30.

CALWEY—December 23, 1935, at her residence, Osborne House, Seapoint, County Dublin, Clare, last surviving daughter of the late General Sir Michael Calwey, K.C.B. R.I.P. Funeral strictly private.

GRIERSON—December 21, 1935, at Bath, in her 82nd year, Charlotte Mary, daughter of the late George A. Grierson, LL.D., Rathfarnham House, County Dublin, sister of the late Bishop of Down.

HAMILTON—December 23, 1935, at Rathmore, Portrush, Charlotte Ellerker, eldest daughter of the late Venerable E. J. Hamilton, Archdeacon of Derry. Service in Holy Trinity, Portrush, at 3 p.m. on Friday, December 27, and thence for interment to Ballywillan New Cemetery.

MADDEN—December 22, 1935, suddenly, Lieutenant-Colonel John Clements Waterhouse Madden, of Hilton Park, Clones. Funeral, Currin Parish Church, 2 p.m., Friday, December 27.

O'MALLEY—December 21, 1935, at 21 Lytton Grove, Putney, London, Henrietta, widow of Thomas O'Malley, formerly of Ballyconnelly, Connemara.

ORMSBY-HAMILTON—December 22, 1935, at Killiney Castle, Alfred, youngest son of the late Right Honble. Henry Ormsby, and beloved husband of the late Gertrude Uthoff Hamilton, aged 83 years. Funeral, Balbriggan, to-day (Tuesday), 11 a.m., leaving Killiney at 9.30.

STEPHENS—December 23, 1935, suddenly, at his residence, "Silchester," Glenageary, Dun Laoghaire, County Dublin, Henry Francis Stephens, Solicitor. Funeral (strictly private) to Mount Jerome Cemetery. No flowers, by request.

TAYLOR—December 22, 1935, at his residence, Blessington, William John Taylor, beloved husband of Ruby M. Taylor, and younger son of the late James H. Taylor, of Blessington and Brunnecstown. Deeply regretted. "Peace, perfect peace." Funeral leaves Carnalway at 1 p.m. to-day (Tuesday), December 24th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for this Column will be found on Page 6.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Mr. R. R. Batkin is deeply grateful for the many kind messages he has received in connection with his recent bereavement, and hopes his friends will kindly accept this acknowledgment.

Mr. Peter Gannon and daughters, Kilruddery, Bray, desire to return sincere thanks to all kind friends who called, sent Mass cards, floral tributes, telegrams, and letters of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement, and trust all will accept this notice in grateful acknowledgment.

Mrs. Wynne and family wish to thank the numerous kind friends who sent letters of sympathy in their sad bereavement.

IN MEMORIAM.

BRIAN—In loving memory of our darling Lily, called Home on Christmas Morning, 1924. "Safe in the arms of Jesus."

BUTLER—In loving memory of dear father, who was called Home on December 24, 1930, also my dear mother, on 7th February, 1925—George.

BUTTERFIELD—Just a tribute of love in remembrance of my darling mother, Mary Butterfield, called Home on Christmas Morning, 1934. Sadly missed. "Hath she not heard the Master's sweet 'well done.'"—Lil.

DUNCAN—In loving remembrance of our dear Aggie, Alice Duncan, late of Laurel Cottage, Ballycanew, Wexford (formerly of Salinas, California), who died on 24th December, 1929. Inserted by Bessie, James, and Willie McCullagh, Annesley place, Dublin.

KERR—In precious memory of my darling husband, Richard George (Dick), who went in to see the King" on Xmas Eve, 1934.

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LANIGAN—First Anniversary—In loving memory of my dear husband, William Patrick Lanigan, late 7 St. Ignatius road, who was called Home on the 25th December, 1934. "Thy will be done." Sadly missed by his loving wife and family.

MacDONAGH—Thirteenth Anniversary — In loving memory of Joseph MacDonagh, T.D., late of 9 Palmerston road, Rathmines, who died on Christmas Day, 1922. May he rest in peace. Inserted by his family.

McCABE—Tenth Anniversary—In sad and affectionate memory of William McCabe, who died at his residence, "Weston," Rathgar road, on Christmas Eve, 1925. R.I.P. Sadly missed by his loving wife, family, and brother.

MEDCALF—In ever-loving memory of John Medcalf, called to rest on the 24th December, 1930. "Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust," Ps. xl, 4.

O'TOOLE—Ninth Anniversary—In loving memory of my dear husband (Dick), who died on 24th December, 1926 (late of 62 Tyrconnell road, Inchicore). "What a friend we have in Jesus."

PARR—In loving memory of Charlie, who passed away on 24th December, 1922.

SHAW—In loving memory of mother, called Home on December 24th, 1921.—Vi and Kay.

SMITH—In loving memory of dear mother, Lily Smith, "Gables," Clonsilla, who died on Christmas Morning, 1934. R.I.P.

WILL—In loving memory of my dear wife, and mother, Jeannie Findlay, who died at 56 West road, Dublin, Ireland, on 24th December, 1929. Sadly missed.

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NOT GUILTY VERDICT AT TRIBUNAL

John Cronin, Ballinahalisk, Co. Cork, was found "not guilty," before the Military Tribunal yesterday, on a charge of being a member of an unlawful association; having possession of a revolver; having conspired with others, to have in their possession a rifle and three revolvers, with intent to endanger life by shooting into the Civic Guard Barracks at Kildorrery; and, in company with others, damaging the Civic Guard Barracks at Kildorrery by shooting at it with rifles and revolvers.

Mr. J. A. McCarthy, with Mr. P. J. McEnery (instructed by the Chief State Solicitor) prosecuted. The accused man was not legally represented.

Patrick Regan, John O'Connor, Patrick Sheehan and Michael Dwane, four men who had been convicted and sentenced on Friday in connection with the affair at Kildorrery barracks, refused to be sworn or give evidence.

They were found "guilty" of contempt of court, but the President said that, in view of the sentences already imposed, the Tribunal was not disposed to award any further punishment.

As they were being removed the accused men stood smartly to attention and raised their hands in the Blue Shirt salute.

Mr. McCarthy said that, in view of the attitude of the four men, there was no purpose in proceeding with the case.

Cronin was released.

DOMINICK STREET FIRE

WOMAN SUCCUMBS TO BURNS

An inquest into the death of Mrs. Bridget O'Reilly, aged 71 years, of 16 Lower Dominick street, Dublin, who died following extensive burns sustained at her house on Friday night, was held in Jervis Street Hospital yesterday.

Ed. O'Reilly, of 13 Upper Dominick street, who identified the body as that of his mother, said that she was living alone, and had suffered from a fractured hip for the past 13 years.

Mrs. Mary Byrne, of 14 Mount Brown, daughter, said that her mother had been accustomed to sit in the evenings by the fire with an oil lamp on the table beside her. It was probable that the lamp had been knocked over.

Andrew Morris, who also lives at 16 Lower Dominick street, and who was one of the rescue party, said that he had been attracted by the crackling of the wood. Accompanied by Richard Somerville he rushed up the stairs, and on entering the room was met by a pall of smoke. The clothes of Mrs. O'Reilly, who was lying by the fire near the gas stove, were in flames, and her body and face appeared to be badly scorched. They carried her to the landing, and while Somerville called the ambulance, witness ran to the upper floors to arouse the other inhabitants.

Guard Higgins stated that amongst the *debris* he found portion of an oil lamp. He was of opinion that the lamp had been accidentally upset, causing the fire.

Dr. McFarran, house surgeon, said that death was due to shock and heart failure following extensive burns.

The Coroner (Dr. D. A. MacErlean) recorded a verdict of accidental death, and agreed with the opinion that the fire was caused by the upsetting of the oil lamp.

DUBLIN DISTRICT COURT

RETURNED FOR TRIAL

John F. Fitzsimons, Upper Sherrard street, a motorist, was charged on remand with having knocked down and injured three men on Crumlin road on September 22nd. He was committed for trial at the Circuit Court, and was admitted to bail.

CHARGE OF TAKING MOTOR CAR

Ernest H. Skinner and George Skinner, aged 20 and 22, respectively, brothers, Sandycove road, were charged with the larceny of a motor car, the property of Norman W. Haley, Seapoint terrace, from Ballygihen avenue, Sandycove, on December 2nd.

Detective Sergeant Moran stated that the defendants were already on bail for housebreaking since the 25th July last, and were still awaiting trial.

The Justice said that it was a denial of justice to the accused men that they had not been tried before now. He admitted the defendants to bail.

Mr. D. O'Donovan said that there had been an abnormal amount of cases for trial, and the Justices had done all they could to deal with the cases.

LARCENY FROM TILL

Joseph O'Neill, Augustine street, and Morgan Hughes, Keogh square, were committed for trial on a charge of stealing 50s. from a till in the shop of Mrs. Annie Phillips, Bride street, on the 16th inst. The evidence was that while Mrs. Phillips was paying a short visit to her kitchen she saw the two boys running away from the shop.

The defendants admitted the offence, but stated that they took only 30s.

Detective Sergeant Moran and Detective Officers Murphy and Ward had charge of the case.

CHARGE OF CONVERSION

James McKeown (35), of Brian road, Marino, was charged on remand that while acting as treasurer of the Marino and District Friendly and Benefit Tontine Society, Merville avenue, Fairview, he fraudulently converted to his own use £4:0, which was received by him on behalf of the Society.

Mr. D. O'Donovan (Chief State Solicitor's office) prosecuted.

Mr. J. J. O'Connor defended.

John O'Neill, Carlton road, Marino, secretary to the Society since April 11th last, stated that the defendant had been treasurer for some time. The collectors for the Society handed the sum collected each week to McKeown, who also made a collection himself. Between April 21st and December 8th this year he (witness) collected £195 14s. and handed it to the defendant; while during the period from January 6th to December 8th McKeown's books showed that he had collected £265 16s. 6d. Mr. Moran, another collector, also made a collection and handed the money over to the accused.

Martin O'Brien, St. Aiden's Park road, stated that he was secretary to the society from 1930 up to April this year. He collected £29 13s. 6d. during the year up to his retirement, by way of repayment of loans and wives' savings, and handed them over to the accused man.

The defendant was further remanded for a week on bail.

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THE advice to shop early is excellent advice, but there are many who ignore it, not because they prefer to have a last-minute rush around the shops, but simply because procrastination is a very human fault, or failing.

Even those who have shopped early, however, inevitably find that there are things forgotten or overlooked which must be purchased at the last minute, and the result is the rush that will be in evidence to-day and to-morrow, not only in the principal streets of Dublin, but also in the suburbs and in cities, towns and villages throughout the country. The last-minute rush is on.

Anyway, this last-minute rush has been an excitement of its own. There is something of the holiday spirit about it, and, if there is no time for the leisurely buying of the earlier days of this month, that fact finds full compensation in the general light-heartedness of everyone with whom one comes into contact.

Shopping on most occasions is a duty, though a pleasant duty; in the days before Christmas it is a festival as well, and the fact that it is a duty does not weigh very heavily upon those who are in search of presents or even of necessities in connection with the holiday.

In many cases we are buying presents, which it is more blessed to give than to receive, and often we are buying for ourselves little luxuries which we are denied during the rest of the year.

CHILDREN

Children, no doubt, will be participants in the last-minute rush. In some cases they have just come home from school, and there has not been a previous opportunity to take them shopping.

In fairness to other shoppers, and, indeed, in fairness to the children themselves, they should be taken to the shops in the morning if at all possible. Certainly they should be out of the shopping districts before the late afternoon, when the streets reach their peak points of congestion.

It may not be out of place to say a word about traffic dangers. Almost always there is a number of street accidents in the days just before the Christmas holiday. People are rushing here and there, and in their excitement they often forget about the dangers of traffic.

Consequently everyone should exercise the greatest care, both pedestrians and motorists. Keep a tight grip on your children and upon your own emotions. Do not fly, helter-skelter, from one side of a thoroughfare to the other.

This aspect of Christmas shopping should be impressed upon everyone. Keep a sharp look-out for traffic. Don't lose sight of your children for a moment. No matter how great your hurry may be it will matter nothing if as a result of it you fall the victim of a street accident. Let your motto in the streets be: "Stop, look, listen." Safety first!

MAKE A LIST

Make a list of your requirements before you leave home. Your shopping will be much more successful if you do.

Instead of wandering into a shop, with no clear idea about what you want to buy, you will be able to go straight to the proper department. The fact that you will see things of which you had not thought, and which will constitute useful or ornamental additions to the things that you buy, need not interfere with your general plan.

You buy them in your stride, as it were, and continue your progress to the next department or the next shop on your list.

It may appear that to have a plan will interfere with the festive nature of your expedition. Actually it won't. If you are shopping casually you may arrive home with a lot of things which you did not really intend to buy, but there is also a danger that you will arrive home without a lot of articles which you really want, and your Christmas may be the poorer because you have forgotten them. Do not, therefore, omit to make a list.

And don't leave your husband at the door of the shop. You may intend to be in the shop for only a few minutes, but it has often happened that the man left for a few minutes is still waiting patiently, or impatiently, at the end of half-an-hour, and if he has unkind things to say when you return—as he has every right to do—the joy of the afternoon may be spoiled.

It is an old joke about the husband left standing while his wife shops, but observations in certain Dublin streets in the last few days show that it is a joke well-founded.

The poor, lonely man waiting in the cold outside the shop is to be pitied. And you don't want your husband to be an object of pity, do you?

THE SHOP ASSISTANT

A word should be said for the shop assistants. As a rule they, too, display an appreciation of the holiday aspect of the last-minute Christmas shopping rush. But they have to work twice as hard and as quickly as in normal times, and it is only fair that the customers should realise that fact.

They end the days, in many circumstances, dead tired—scarcely able to stand on their feet—and it is up to everyone to make their task as pleasant as possible, to be courteous and reasonable, to cause as little additional trouble as they possibly can.

Shopping is an art. One expects the shop assistant to be helpful, and all that; but the customer also has a part to play. It is her duty, if she wants her transactions at the counter to be a complete success, to treat the assistant as humanly as possible, to be tolerant if the assistant shows signs of tiredness as the end of the busy day approaches, and not to be what is colloquially known as "high hat" without reason.

It is hardly to be expected that the shop assistant should respond with enthusiasm to the manner of a customer who looks down upon her.

YOUR GUIDE

Let us now make a summary of last-minute shopping instructions:—

Take the children into town as early as you can if you must take them shopping in these last days before Christmas;

Be careful in traffic; don't rush across streets; don't let the children get out of your sight;

Make a list of your requirements before you leave home;

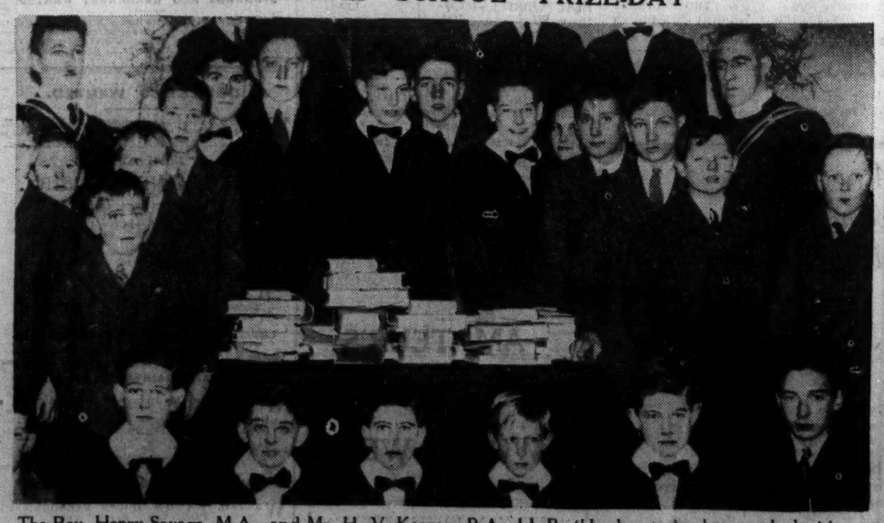
Don't leave your husband at the door of the shops while you forget all about him;

Be fair to the shop assistants, and make allowance for the fact that they may be tired.

FARMER'S WIFE CALLS STRIKE

When the price of turkeys fell to 8d. per pound at Columcille market, Longford, on Saturday, a strike was called by a farmer's wife. The fowl buyers then offered 9d. and 10d. per pound, but, following her lead, the sellers refused to sell at less than a shilling. The market was held up until the buyers surrendered and took all offered at the price demanded

CATHEDRAL SCHOOL PRIZE-DAY



The Rev. Henry Savage, M.A., and Mr. H. V. Keegan, B.A., LL.B. (Headmaster), photographed with a group of prize-winners at Friday night's distribution of prizes, at St. Patrick's Cathedral School, Dublin.

NEW CINEMA AT BRAY

A view of the new cinema at Bray, Co. Wicklow.

WORKMEN last night were putting the finishing touches to the latest of Ireland's many new cinemas. This, the Royal Cinema, at Bray, County Wicklow, will open its doors to patrons on St. Stephen's Day, Thursday next, December 26. It is most modern in design and equipment, and as a building of distinctive style, constructed on the Neo-Egyptian method, it is at once an addition to the architecture of Wicklow and is a place of amusement of which Bray may be proud.

The cinema has been erected by Bray Cinemas (1935), Ltd., and is under the management of Mr. Charles Haigh, a well-known figure in the commercial life of the township. It stands in the grounds of the Royal Hotel, and has been constructed to the design of Mr. Vincent Kelly, B.Arch., F.R.I.A.I., F.R.I.B.A. Seating accommodation is provided for over 1,000 persons. This includes balcony seating for 300 individuals. The furnishing is lavish and luxurious.

Special features of the new cinema are embodied in lighting, heating, ventilation and sound reproduction. The ventilation, for instance, comprises the provision of constant changes of atmosphere through the removal, by suctor fans, of all smoke and vitiated air. Such vitiated air is succeeded by an inflow of fresh air, which, as it passes into the building, is washed and dried before being distributed into the auditorium.

By a happy chance, the film with which the house will open on Thursday night deals with gold-digging—though not in Wicklow. It is entitled "Gold-diggers of 1935."

Among the Irish firms who are responsible for the construction, and whose announcements appear in our columns to-day, are Messrs. C. McNally and Co., Ltd., of East Wall, Dublin, who carried out the building in steel and concrete; Messrs. J. H. Carlile, who carried out the complete electrical installation; Mr. F. Caffrey, of 39 Fairview Strand, who constructed and provided the seating; and Mr. W. Booth, of Greystones, who carried out the painting and decoration.

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HOSPITAL PATIENT'S DEATH

COLLAPSED WHILE LISTENING TO BROADCAST

That death was due to heart failure, following acute myocarditis, was the verdict returned by the jury at an inquest into the death of Nicholas Daly, a hairdresser, aged 50 years, of 23 Albion terrace, Inchicore, who died suddenly on Saturday at Grangegorman Mental Hospital, where he had been an inmate since July, 1934.

Mrs. Daly, his wife, who identified the body, said she last saw her husband about a fortnight ago, when he appeared to be in perfect health. She had been thinking of taking him out at the new year.

Cross-examined by the Coroner (Dr. D. A. McErlean), Mrs. Daly denied that she had said her husband committed suicide. She had seen cuts on his face on several occasions, and on the last time she saw him his nose was also cut. He would not say who did it, and told her not to say anything or he would get more. He also told her that one of the attendants had knocked him down. "He got terrible treatment here, and only I was afraid for myself and the child, I would have brought him out," she concluded.

William Phelan, deputy charge attendant, who has been employed in the hospital for the past thirty years, said that several inmates were listening to a broadcast when suddenly Daly fell sideways and rolled to the floor. He was immediately taken to the hospital, but was found to be dead.

In reply to the Coroner, Phelan said that Daly had not been a quarrelsome patient. He never made any complaint of ill-treatment, and witness never saw any cuts on his face.

Dr. Cornelius McCarthy, who performed a *post-mortem* examination, said there were no marks of violence on the body except a fresh bruise on his forehead, probably where he struck the floor in falling. All the organs were normal, but the heart showed marked fatty degeneration, and death, in his opinion, was due to heart failure, following acute myocarditis. Had he known the man's condition he would have expected this at any moment.

The jury, in returning their verdict, exonerated the authorities and attendants from all blame.

HIGH BIRTH RATE IN DUBLIN

The number of births registered during the week ended December 14 in the City of Dublin was 214, representing a rate of 22.4 per 1,000 of the estimated population. The deaths numbered 160—a rate of 16.7 per 1,000.

During the week 31 cases of scarlet fever were notified in the city, an increase of one over the previous week, and seven cases in Dun Laoghaire Borough (compared with one the previous week and ten three weeks ago).

ROTARY CLUB'S GUESTS

500 POOR CHILDREN ENTERTAINED

A jolly Christmas party was enjoyed yesterday evening by 500 boys and girls from Dublin slums. They were the guests of the Dublin Rotary Club, who entertained them in the Round Room of the Mansion House with the assistance of many voluntary helpers, members of the club and their wives, sisters, daughters and friends.

The children were in high spirits and sang old-time and up-to-date popular songs vociferously and ate and drank with gusto. The Lord Mayor of Dublin was present, and Mr. O. Jamison, President of the Club, was the principal host. Mr. Kevin J. Kenny, Chairman of the Community Service Committee, and Mr. W. Bolton Conyngham, who had a large part in organising the entertainment, also attended with members of their families to help. Mr. R. J. Henchy, with his band and a variety party, gave musical selections. Miss McIntosh's troupe of child dancers performed pretty dances to the great delight of the guests.

As contributions to the table, Rotarian Charles Jacob (Messrs. W. and R. Jacob and Co.) provided biscuits, Rotarian Robert Thompson (Messrs. Williams and Woods) gave sweets, Rotarian T. C. Enden (Messrs. Fletcher and Fletcher) gave oranges, Rotarian F. J. Dunn (Messrs. Schweppes) provided mineral waters.

The children for the party were selected by the Infant Aid Society, the Women's National Health Association, the Civics Institute, "Toc H," and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Among the voluntary helpers were:—The Very Rev. Robert K. Hanna, D.D.; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Conyngham, Miss Conyngham, Mr. and Mrs. William Brown, Mrs. D. Brown, T. H. Cathcart, Kevin J. Kenny, Miss Kenny, Mrs. Albert Hewett, Norman Hewett, Fred. M. Summerfield, Colonel Verschoyle Campbell, G. F. Shoebottom, Mr. and Mrs. J. Broderick, Miss V. M. Hanna, E. G. Glanville, Miss Kathleen Kenny, Colum E. Kenny, Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Staff, Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Hanna, Mr. G. D. and Miss V. Hanna, Mrs. Maurice Jones, Miss Jamison, the Misses Jamison, J. Harold Aylward, Mrs. Harold Aylward, M. J. Gorman, Mrs. Delia Kenny, Michael Kenny, Patrick Mulligan, Robert Benson, Ernest J. Anthony, Charles E. Jacob, H. D. Harold, Mr. and Mrs. O'B. Broden, Mrs. Keith Eason, James Cormack, Charles H. Murphy, G. J. T. Clampett and Mrs. Clampett, Ireton Jones, Mrs. Margaret Darcy, Miss Eva Hackett, Miss J. Reardon and Miss M. Coffey.

IRISH FENCERS RECOGNISED

Irish fencers have secured international recognition. It was intimated to the Irish Amateur Fencing Federation yesterday that its affiliation to the *Federation Internationale d'Escrime* as the governing body of fencing in this country had been formally approved by the Irish Olympic Council.

In February next the Irish fencers will meet the All England (champions) team and a London club team at Lord Iveagh's Covered Court, Earlsfort terrace, Dublin, and in March next it is hoped to send an Irish team to Scotland. Early in the new year the Irish Fencing Club will travel to Cork, when it is hoped that they will "avenge" the defeat inflicted by the Cork club in Dublin on last Saturday.

Rupture—A "Blake" Truss, with air cushion pads, gives relief and support. From 5s. Elastic Stockings from 4s. each.—Blake's Medical Stores, 20 Upper Liffey street—(Advt.)

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STRIKING MISSIONARY WORK

A handsome brass tablet to the memory of the late Mr. George Griffin has been erected in Charleston road, Church, Rathmines. It was unveiled at the Service on Sunday morning by the Rev. J. W. Carrothers, M.A., LL.D., an intimate friend of the family. Mr. Griffin was connected with Charleston road church for over seventy years. He filled practically every office in the Church open to laymen, and for over fifty years was the superintendent of the Sunday School. His son, Mr. G. D. Griffin, is one of the leading workers of the Church.

In the Methodist College, Belfast, two portraits in oil of former headmasters of the school were unveiled last week. One was of the Rev. Robert Crook, LL.D., the first headmaster (1868-1871), and the other of Henry Parker, M.A., who succeeded Dr. Crook in 1871, and filled the position until 1890. Dr. Crook's portrait was presented by his daughter, Mrs. W. R. Burgess, of Dublin, and that of Dr. Parker by the Old Boys' Association. The present headmaster, Mr. J. W. Henderson, M.A., spoke in warm appreciation of the work of these distinguished predecessors of his.

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GRAMOPHONE NOTES

RECORDS FOR CHRISTMAS

IDEAL PRESENTS

LOOKING through the December lists of the gramophone companies one is more and more convinced that here lies the store most complete from which to draw presents that will prove most entertaining gifts, not alone at this season, but throughout the coming year.

If one wants to create the real Christmas atmosphere what better than, say, a selection of records of Christmas music from the list of the H.M.V. Company. Here at popular price are Christmas carols by the Royal Choral Society—"Christians Awake," "Hark the Herald Angels," "While Shepherds Watched," "O Come All Ye Faithful," and many others of those glorious carols which will never die.

If lighter good music is desired then there is a special selection of Gilbert and Sullivan favourites which will make the present ideal for lovers of these operas. In a special album the four twelve inch double-sided records which have been made under the direction of Mr. Rupert D'Oyly Carte, containing the best known pieces in the Savoy works, sung by such favourites as Sir Henry Lytton, Derek Oldham, Leo Sheffield, Beartha Lewis, Elsie Griffin, Winfred Lawson—a wonderful selection and a most acceptable gift.

One could not do better than purchase the twelve records selected by the editor of "His Master's Voice" as a delightful present for lovers of melody. They cover a very varied field with something for every taste, from the "Pomp and Circumstance" marches of Elgar to Handel in the Strand and Mock Morris, by the New Light Symphony Orchestra.

Popular records at ridiculously low prices offer such attractions as Norman Evans in "Joe Ramsbottam" monologues, Jack Hulbert in such numbers as "Who's been polishing the Sun," etc.; Sydney Gustard on the Cinema Organ, and Ken Harvey, banjoist.

For the children there is a splendid selection in the H.M.V. list. What more entertaining for youngsters that a record of "New Nursery Tunes for Old Nursery Rhymes," including "Deedle, deedle, dumpling," "Little Miss Muffet," "Rub-a-dub-dub," "The North Wind," and other familiar songs of the nursery. Then there is a newcomer in the list in the person of "Ferdie Bear," whose songs are all told by Rose Fyleman, with Winifred Bury as the singer, and Thomas Dunhill at the piano. It is worth mentioning in view of the performance of "Peter Pan" in Dublin during the present Christmas season that there is in the H.M.V. list a splendid selection of "Peter Pan" music played by London Palladium Orchestra. And that reminds one, too, that there is an entertaining selection of songs from "Alice in Wonderland" also issued.

CATERING FOR COLLECTORS

The collector will find some splendid works in the Columbia output of the month. Notably there is a recording of the Concerto in D Major for Violin and Orchestra by the Russian modern composer, Prokolieff. It is a work of outstanding interest, in which the violin part is played by Szigeti, who, the composer has recently stated, is the greatest interpreter of his music. Sir Thomas Beecham endorsed this view, and has collaborated in the recording of the orchestral part, being played by the London Philharmonic under the guiding genius of the great conductor.

Then there is the attractive recording of "Orpheus," which is, perhaps, the best known of Gluck's lengthy list of operas. It runs to four double sides twelve-inch records by the Orchestre Symphonique, of Paris, conducted by Henri Tomasi, with the finest French singers. The work is supplied in art album, with booklet, and is a most attractive issue.

Another interesting issue is that of the "Cinderella" suite of Eric Coates, running to two twelve-inch double sides records, played by the symphony orchestra conducted by the composer.

In the field of solo instrumental work there is in the list a record of Guila Bustabo, the girl wonder violinist who recently charmed a big audience in the Dublin Theatre Royal with her amazing playing. In this record she is heard in the "Largo," from Dvorak's "New World Symphony," arranged by Kreisler, and a transcription for violin by Wilhelmj of Chopin's lovely Nocturne in D.

Another fine violin record is that by Henry Merckel, who reveals great warmth of tone and skilled technique in his playing of the "Adagio" from Sonata No. 1, and "Two Minutes" from Partita No. 1 of Bach.

Lovers of grand opera can bring the best of the popular works of Puccini, Verdi and other composers into their own homes by purchasing from the Columbia's library of opera. Here they will find such masterpieces as "La Boheme," "Madam Butterfly," "Rigoletto," "Aida" or "The Barber of Seville," presented by leading artists, in six twelve-inch double-sided records, each complete in art portfolio. Here is a delightful Christmas present.

On the vocal side there is in the list the recording by Georges Thill of "The Prize Song" from "The Mastersingers," which won distinction as the record of the year. It is backed by the big love duet, "Ou, est Vous," from the same opera. Raymond Newell is another baritone who sings with rare distinction two ballads—"The Harvester" and "Jane's Big Umbrella."

Successful numbers from recent theatre productions are heard from Florence Desmond, who sings "Public Sweetheart No. 1" and "In Love Again," from "Seeing Stars." Lucie Mannheim sings "I am Wax" and "Mrs. Worthington," from "Nina."

Humorous records worth hearing are those by Renee Houston (of Houston Sisters) in "Love Laughs at Locksmiths" and "The Eternal Triangle," and The Western Brothers in "After All That" and "Play the Game, You Cads." Charles Penrose has a breezy item record in "The Laughing Policeman" and "Laughter and Lemons."

ABYSSINIAN RECORDINGS

In their "Music of all Nations" series, the Parlophone Company include in their latest issues two genuine Abyssinian recordings of songs of travel, a song of lament, and other part songs that are of very great interest, and particularly appropriate at present.

There is a fine record of the Organ of Passau Cathedral, described as the world's largest organ, played by Otto Dunkelberg in "Netherland Hymn" and "The Evangelist" (Kienzl). Jules Perceval also provides a splendid record of "Nativity" played on the organ of the Basilica de Neustra Senora de la Merced, Buenos Ayres.

Amongst outstanding vocal records in the Parlophone list is one by the great German soprano, Lotte Lehman, in her singing of the exquisite "Bist du Bei Mir" of Bach, and "The Erl King" of Schubert. Another good soprano is heard in the person of Jarmilovna, the Bohemian prima donna, who sings "Poem" (Fibich) and "Humoresque" (Dvorak), supported by the Vienna Concert Orchestra.

Joseph Schmidt, the German tenor, sings with great feeling "Wine and Waltz" and "My Song of Love," both from the film, "A Star falls from Heaven."

A very pleasing record is that of Master Robert Harris, boy soprano, in "Who is Sylvia" and Bird Songs at Eventide."

There are capital dance records in the new Parlophone list from such popular combinations as Harry Roy and his orchestra, Nat Gonella and his Georgians, Maurice Winnick and his orchestra, Joe Paradise and his music, and Phil Green and his orchestra.

GRACIE FIELDS'S RECORDS

In the Regal Zonophone issues for the month are some more records by Gracie Fields. "Gracie in the Theatre," running to six sides, are records actually recorded during the performance of the great Lancashire comedienne at the Holborn Empire, London, and gives a realistic picture of how she carries her audiences.

A revelation is the versatility, and artistry of Gracie Fields is provided in her singing of the Bach-Gounod "Ave Maria," and the song, "Three Green Bonnets." It is almost incredible that this record is the work of such a comedienne. They are sung with wonderful atmosphere and great purity of voice. It is worth emphasising again the issue in the Regal Zonophone list this month of two records by Michael O'Higgins, the Dublin concert-platform baritone. In the songs, "The Ould Plaid Shawl," "The Ballynure Ballad," "Kitty My Love" and others there has been captured all the richness of his voice and the splendid interpretation which have won such recognition for this singer. They are well worth adding to the list.

Amongst light music there is a seasonable record of Christmas with the Hill Billies; Larry Adler doing things extraordinary on a mouth organ, Torrani's new Yodling pieces, and Negro Spirituals, by a real Negro choir (John Payne and his Spiritual choir).

Of bands there is a wide selection in the Regal Zonophone list which includes the London Piano Accordeons under Scott Wood, BillyCotton and his band, George Hall and his orchestra, Lew Stone and his band, etc.

Shirley Temple, the child film star, has sent five "large" dollars to the Dionne quintuplets as Christmas gifts. "Large" dollars are big silver coins, not often found in circulation, but used for presentation purposes, says a Callander, Ontario, telegram.

A Sportsman's Review

Trinity Hockey Full-Backs : The "Sticks" Rule : Have Dublin Squash Rackets Improved?

BY PAUL DENIS

G. K. Donald's Chance

TO be a full back for Trinity is certainly to lead a chequered hockey career. Last season P. M. Thoday, a Welsh international, came to Dublin, but he had to be content with a place on Trinity 2nd; for he did not fit in as well with the rest of the team as did J. K. Craig and G. K. Donald; nor, indeed, was he any better individually than either of these two. Subsequently Craig played for his country in all three international matches, and did very well in the best company. This season, however, his prospects have altered some-

J. K. CRAIG.

G. K. DONALD.

what; for after an exhaustive series of Leinster trials he has lost his place on the Leinster team to his own clubmate, Donald, who thus comes into line for an Irish cap. Craig, of course, may return to favour; for there are other interprovincial games to follow, and the final trial as well; but on this season's form Donald has been the steadier player, and has well deserved his chance, but it is curious to see so many first-class men from one club competing for the same position.

An Umpire's Criticism

A well-known umpire commented rather strongly to me last Saturday, after the Leinster trial, on a weakness of Leinster hockey players—namely, their tendency to infringe the "sticks" rule. Saturday's match was played under such exceptional conditions of severe frost that this rule was not rigidly enforced; but he told me that, if it had been, the game would have had to have been spoiled by continual whistling on the part of the umpires. Present-day players do not seem to have the ability to use their wrists in the stroke, compared with those men of pre-war days who still take an active part in the game; but, unless the offence is very obvious, and the man inclined to lift the ball with his drive, I, for one, hold that the law should not be too rigorously applied. International umpires do not pay too much attention to it, so, if the best players are given consideration, the same should apply to lesser mortals. Dangerous play—flyhitting into an opposing forward, or undercutting—should be severely, and promptly, dealt with; but, where the man hits the ball crisply and cleanly along the ground, latitude of two or three inches might be conceded. It must be remembered, after all, that our grounds are not billiards tables.

The Jesters' Visit

Whether or not there has been an improvement in Irish squash rackets during the last year will be fairly well proved when the Jesters team comes over at the beginning of next month; for they will have the same five who met Fitzwilliam last January, with the addition of W. Patterson, one of the best men on the American team. It is a strong side; for it will be led by E. Snell, runner-up to Amir Bey in the amateur championship recently; J. A. Gillies, who reached the semi-finals last year and the last eight this time; S. T. Jagger, who can often win two out of five games from Snell; G. D. O. Sheppard, who ranks first class, as does Patterson, and A. T. Barber, who was inexperienced when we saw him last, but who has, I hear, improved considerably. Of the Fitzwilliam team who played last January, Sir Basil Goulding, R. B. Cairn Duff and R. B. Pringle will be out again, but the brothers W. and A. Hamilton will be absent, the latter having sprained his ankle and the former still feeling the effects of an operation. It will be interesting to see how the Irish champion, T. G. McVeagh, fares in his first encounter with an English player, and although it is unlikely that Fitzwilliam will win more than one match, they may fully extend the visitors in each case, as they should show more confidence on their own court, than was the case in London a few days ago.

Cork's Enterprise

Although Dublin has stolen the thunder in the recent wave of popularity for squash rackets in this country, Cork has taken the lead in one respect, and that is in laying a firm foundation of knowledge of the game. The Munster Agricultural Society have recently erected two courts at the showgrounds, and have already a membership of 52; but, what is more important, they engaged the services of J. Barnes, a well-known English professional, to coach the members. His visit, which lasted several weeks, had to be curtailed owing to another engagement, but they hope to have his services again shortly. This is an extremely wise move, and we ought to see some good players from Cork soon; for Barnes must have had perfect material to work upon. It must be much easier to teach the groundwork of a game than try and eradicate the bad strokes already formed. It should not be long before there is an interchange of visits between Dublin and Cork, and interprovincials should be a possibility also. Of the growth of the game in Dublin there is no doubt. The draw has been made for the inter-club competition, and no fewer than 76 names have been submitted as candidates for the various teams. The majority of these are comparative beginners, and the engagement of a professional would do an immense amount of good in Dublin. We certainly ought to follow Cork's lead in this respect.

Sussex A.B.A. "Attack"

The latest move in the dispute between the Amateur Boxing Association and the Sussex County A.B.A. is a letter written by Dr. E. St. J. Lyburn, the chairman of the latter body, addressed to all the county associations affiliated to the A.B.A., and also to the Secretary of the Federation Internationale de Boxe Amateur, to which body Sussex wish to affiliate. It is a statement of the case from the county's viewpoint, and compares conditions in England to those in Ireland. Undoubtedly, we are in the more favourable position, for with us the sport is better distributed, and clubs in the country are much better looked after than they are in England. Apart from the restrictions on the number of contests on the programme, the enforced close season, from May to October, is a distinct hardship on country clubs, who could run successful open-air tournaments during the summer, but are at present barred from doing so. Above all, the fact that the Imperial Services are allowed to run tournaments on the Irish lines of a team match does seem very unfair to the county associations, and it seems to me now that Sussex have a distinctly interesting case. If they can get support from any other counties in England and the Continental Federation, the A.B.A. may find matters becoming rather difficult.

ON THE WIRELESS

THURSDAY

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RADIO ATHLONE.—DUBLIN, 223 Metres (1,348 Kc.) (1 Kw.). **ATHLONE, 531 Metres** (565 Kc.) (60 Kw.), and **CORK, 242 Metres** (1,240 Kc.) (1 Kw.).

1.30-2.30—Ariane Band.
5.30—Children's Hour: Una Lord's Trio. Seasonable Music: Anne Walsh. Flower Legends; Jack Nordell, Sea Shanties; Courtney Anderson, A Tale from the Sea.
6.15—Gramophone.
6.45—News.
7. 0—"Cinderella": A Pantomime by Harry O'Donovan. Produced by Eva Brennan, with Station Orchestra. Conductor, Signor Grossi. Leader, Terry O'Connor
8. 0—Giolla Criost O Broin: Irish Music.
8.30—St. Stephen's Day Customs; Mummers and Wren Boys. Compered by Stan O'Brien.
9.15—Great Irishmen, by Those Who Knew Them: A. E. Malone on Tom Kettle.
9.30—Sponsored Programme.
10.30—What Happened To-day. Programme of Light Music.
11. 0—Close down.

NORTHERN IRELAND — 307.1 Metres (977 Kc.) (1 Kw.).

10.15—The Daily Service.
10.30—Weather.
10.45-5.15—Regional
5.15—Midland.
6. 0—Time, News, Weather.
6.30—Regional.
7.30—James Moody in Syncopation at the Piano.
7.45—Gramophone.
8.30—Regional.
9.45—Scottish.
10. 0—Time, News, Weather.
10.10-12.0—Regional.

NATIONAL—1,500 Metres (200 Kc.) (150 Kw.).

10.15—The Daily Service.
10.30—Weather.
10.45—At Home To-day.
11. 5—Henry Croudson, at the Organ of the Paramount Theatre, Manchester.
11.30—Gramophone.
12. 0—The Rutland Square and New Victoria Orchestra.
1.15—Gramophone.
2.15—The Karl Caylus Players. Thérèsa la Cana (soprano).
3. 0—Evensong, relayed from Westminster Abbey.
3.30—Gramophone.
3.50—For Unemployed Listeners: "I Knew a Man—Sarah Bernhardt," James Agate.
4.10—Gramophone.
4.45—A Pianoforte Recital by Vivian Langrish.
5.15—Oscar Rabin and his Romany Band.
6. 0—Time, News and Weather.
6.30—The Foundations of Music: Brahms Pianoforte Trios, played by the Grinke Trio.
6.55—A True Story. A. B. Campbell.
7.10—Have You Read This? Selections from English Prose, chosen and read by V. C. Clinton-Baddeley.
7.30—The Kentucky Minstrels Hold a Party Host, Percy Parsons. Guests—Scott and Whaley, C. Denier Warren, Ike Hatch, the Kentucky Banjo Team. At the Pianos—Harry S. Pepper and Doris Arnold. The B.B.C. Variety Orchestra and the Male Voice Chorus.
8.30—The Boyd Neel String Orchestra and Sylvia Nelis (soprano).
9.30—Time, News and Weather.
10. 0—A Short Mid-week Service, conducted by the Rev. W. H. Elliott. Organist, Reginald Goss-Custard. Relayed from St. Michael's, Chester square.
10.20—Sydney Baynes and his Band.
11.15-12.0—Jack McCormick and his Ambassador's Dance Band, relayed from the Rialto Ball room, Liverpool.

REGIONAL—342.1 Metres (877 Kc.) (50 Kw.)

10.15—Daily Service.
10.30—Weather.
10.45—The Bath Pump Room Orchestra.
11.30—The B.B.C. Northern Ireland Orchestra.
12.15—The Continentals, presented by Boris Ivain, in Songs and Dances, with Carmen Del Rio.
1. 0—The Argyle Theatre Orchestra.
2. 5—London Counties v. New Zealand: A Running Commentary on the Rugby Union Football Match by Captain H. B. T. Wakelam, relayed from Twickenham.
3.45—The Central Band of His Majesty's Royal Air Force and Hughes Macklin (tenor).
4.45—Northern Ireland.
5.15—Midland.
6. 0—Time, News and Weather.
6.30—The B.B.C. Military Band and Percy Heming (baritone).
7.15—The Vagabond Lover, presented by Max Kester, with the B.B.C. Theatre Orchestra.
7.30—The B.B.C. Orchestra and Irene Scharrer (pianoforte).
8.30—Robert Loraine as "Scrooge" in "A Christmas Carol," based on the famous story by Charles Dickens.
9.45—Scottish.
10. 0—Time, News and Weather.
10.10—Dance Music: Tony's Red Aces, relayed from Tony's Ballroom, Birmingham.
10.30 app.—An Excerpt from "Jack and the Beanstalk," relayed from the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.
11. 0 app.-12.0—Jack McCormick and his Ambassadors' Dance Band, relayed from the Rialto Ballroom, Liverpool.

MIDLAND—293.2 Metres (1,013 Kc.) (25 Kw.).

10.45-5.15—Regional.
5.15—Children's Hour.
6. 0—Time, News and Weather.
6.30—Munn and Felton's Band, and Michael North (songs at the pianoforte).
7.30—"Our Country Correspondent," "The Cotswolds," Robertson Scott.
7.45—A Light Recital by Percy Underwood (baritone) and Tom Jones (violin).
8.15—"Holiday Sport in the Midlands."
8.30—Regional.
10. 0—Time, News and Weather.
10.10—Tony's Red Aces, relayed from Tony's Ballroom, Birmingham.
10.30 app.-11.15—Regional.

WEST—373.1 Metres (804 Kc.) (50 Kw.).

10.15—Daily Service.
10.30—Weather.
10.45-5.15—Regional.
5.15—Midland.
6. 0—Time, News, Weather.
6.30—The Clifton Light Orchestra. Elsie Griffin (soprano).
7.15—Regional.
7.30—Regional.
8.30—Regional.
9.45—West Country Calendar. 1. "Ilchester Badger Feast." Relayed from The Cow Inn, Ilchester.
10 0—Time, News, Weather.
10.10—West.
10.15-12.0—Regional.

NORTH—449.1 Metres (668 Kc.) (50 Kw.).

10.15—Daily Service.
10.30—Weather.
10.45-5.15—Regional.
5.15—Midland.
6. 0—Time, News, Weather.
6.30—Sports Edition. A Monthly Survey of Northern Sport, in several paragraphs, including Boxing Day Sports Bulletin.
7. 0—The "Quaintesques" Concert Party. Relayed from Leslie's Pavilion, Rusholme, Manchester.
7.30—Regional.
10. 0—Time, News, Weather.
10.10—Midland.
10.30 app.—Regional.
11. 0 app.-12.0—Jack McCormick and his Ambassadors Dance Band. Relayed from The Rialto Ballroom, Liverpool.

SCOTTISH—391.1 Metres (767 Kc.) (50 Kw.).

10.15—Daily Service.
10.30—Weather.
10.45-3.45—Regional.
3.45—Mid-Week Service. Conducted by the Rev. W. White Anderson, M.C., St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, Edinburgh.
4.15-5.15—Regional.
5.15—Midland.
6. 0—Time, News, Weather.
6.30—Gerald Shaw, at the Organ of The Regal Cinema, Glasgow.
6.45—Aberdeen.
7.15—Regional.
7.30—Excerpts from the Howard and Wyndham Pantomime, "Goldilocks." Relayed from The King's Theatre, Edinburgh.
8.30—Regional.
9.45—Piping. Pipe-Major Robert Reid.
10. 0—Time, News, Weather.
10.10—Scottish News Bulletin.
10.20-12.0—Regional.

ON THE CONTINENT

BERLIN (F) (356.7 M.)—7.0-9.45 p.m.—"Turandot," Opera in three acts (Puccini), from the State Opera, Unter den Linden.

HAMBURG (331.9 M.)—7.0-9.0 p.m.—"Clivia," Operetta (Dostal).

KALUNDBORG (1,261 M.)—7.40 p.m.-1.0 a.m.—Radio Ball for the Younger Generation.

PRAGUE (470.2 M.)—6.30-9.45 p.m.—"Don Carlos," Opera (Verdi).

ROME (420.8 M.)—7.30 p.m.—"Iris," Opera in three acts (Mascagni).

STOCKHOLM (426.1 M.)—6.30-8.45 p.m.—"Mam'zelle Nitouche," Operetta (Hervé).

FOREIGN MAILS

The days of posting in Dublin during the week for the despatches of the principal overseas letter mails are indicated below:—

To-day—U.S.A., Canada, Bahamas, Bermuda, Central America, Cuba, Mexico, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Colombia, Panama, Jamaica, Japan, Leeward Islands, Costa Rica, via Southampton; Aden, India, Iraq, Malaya, Philippine Islands, Egypt, Palestine, Cyprus, Sudan, Dutch East Indies, French Indo China, Seychelles, Siam, China (all parts), via Marseilles; Australia, Ceylon, via Toulon.

Thursday—South Africa, Southern Rhodesia, Trinidad, New Zealand, via Southampton; Malta, via London.

Friday—Canada, Newfoundland, via Liverpool; Egypt, Palestine, via London; Argentine, Uruguay, Paraguay, Brazil, via Southampton.

After making a holly cross in the workshop of Clutton Institution, Somerset, of which he was an inmate, William Avery collapsed and died. The cross is to be placed on his grave. At the inquest yesterday a verdict of death from syncope, accelerated by the cold, was returned.

CHRISTMASTIDE SERVICES

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL. — Matins at 10 a.m. Psalm, 118. Benedictus, 43. Hymn, 79. Carol Service at 4 o'clock. To-morrow (Wednesday), Christmas Day. Holy Communion at 8 a.m. Matins at 11.15 a.m. Tallis Responses. Venite, 9. Psalms, 19, 85. Chants, 32, 33. Te Deum, Jubilate, Stanford in B flat. Processional Hymn, 84. Anthems, "There were shepherds," Handel; "Beside Thy cradle," Bach. Hymn, 86. "O come, all ye faithful." Preacher The Dean. Holy Communion (Choral) at 12 noon. Kyrie, Credo, Sanctus, Gloria, Kyrie in E flat. Hymn during Communion, "Beside Thy cradle." Evensong at 3.15 o'clock. Tallis Responses. Psalm, 45. Magnificat, Nunc Dimittis, Stanford in B flat. Processional Carol, No. 12. Anthem, "There were shepherds . . . For behold, darkness," Handel. Hymn, 89, "While shepherds watched their flocks." Concluding Voluntary, Overture, Samson, Handel. Thursday—St. Stephen. Matins to be read at 10 a.m. Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel at 8 and 11 a.m. Evensong to be read at 4 o'clock.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL. — Christmas Eve. Evening Prayer at 3 o'clock. Wood in E flat. "Christmas Day," Holst. Christmas Carols. To-morrow (Wednesday), Christmas Day. Matins at 11 a.m. Processional Hymn, 84. Te Deum, King-Hall in B flat. Psalm, 19. Benedictus, King-Hall in B flat. Anthem, "There were shepherds," Handel. Holy Communion at 11.40 o'clock. Brewer in E flat. Preacher, His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin. Hymns, 89, 547. Evensong at 3.30 o'clock. Processional Hymn, 86. Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, Stanford in G. Psalm, 110. Anthem, "There were shepherds," Handel. Hymn, 85. Recessional Hymn, 88. Thursday—St. Stephen. Morning Prayer at 10.30 o'clock. Benedictus, Hymn, 182. Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel at 11 o'clock. Lecture by the Precentor at 12 o'clock. Read Service at 3 o'clock.

ST. MATTHIAS'S PARISH CHURCH.—To-morrow—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Rev. G. S.-Nowlan.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH.—To-morrow—7, 8, 9.15 and 11, Matins. Te Deum (Sullivan in D); Benedictus (Parry in D). Preacher, Rev. G. F. Jenkins. 12, Sung Eucharist (Williams and Monk Gould); Processional Hymn, "O Come, all ye faithful." Anthem. 4, Evensong. Procession. Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis (Lyons in C). Anthem, Carols.

ST. ANN'S CHURCH.—To-morrow—7, 8, 10 and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, the Vicar. (Collections for Parochial, Poor, Coal and Clothing Clubs). St. Stephen's Day—11.30, Holy Communion.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, Rathmines.—To-morrow—7, 8, 10 and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. J. Tobias. St. Stephen's Day—8, Holy Communion. St. John the Evangelist—8, Holy Communion. Holy Innocents—8, Holy Communion.

CHRIST CHURCH, Leeson Park.—To-morrow—7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Canon Hughes. Anthem, "Glory to God" (Handel).

ST. COLUMBA'S CHURCH, Ranelagh.—To-morrow—7, 8, 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. W. G. Proctor.

THE MAGDALEN CHURCH, Lower Leeson street (the Church's Ministry of Healing).—To-morrow—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Matins. 12, Holy Communion. Anthem, Rev. N. H. F. Waring. St. Stephen's Day—10.30, Holy Communion.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.—To-morrow—7 and 8, Holy Communion. 11, Matins, Holy Communion and Sermon. 4, Evensong (said). St. Stephen's Day—Patronal Festival—8 and 11, Holy Communion. 10, Matins (said). 4, Evensong (said).

ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH.—To-morrow—7, 8 and 11.30, Holy Communion; Rev. T. J. Johnston.

ST. VICTOR'S CHURCH.—To-morrow—7, 8 and 11.30, Holy Communion; Rev. R. C. B. Clarke.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH.—To-morrow—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Rev. H. W. Donald.

ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH.—To-morrow—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Rev. George E. Camier, B.A.

ST. BARNABAS'S CHURCH.—To-morrow—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Rev. J. Purser Shortt, B.D.

ST. JAMES'S.—To-morrow—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Holy Communion; Rev. J. H. Alcock.

ST. JAMES'S DISTRICT CHURCH.—To-morrow—7, 8 and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. D. H. Clarke.

ST. WERBURGH'S PARISH CHURCH.—To-morrow—8 and 9, Holy Communion. 11.15, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Rev. W. J. McCreery.

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH CHURCH.—To-morrow—7 and 8, Holy Communion. 12, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. Rev. F. R. Alexander.

ST. AIDAN'S CHURCH.—To-morrow—8 and 10, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. Rev. E. H. F. Campbell.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH.—To-morrow—8 and 10, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. Rev. K. D. B. Dobbs.

THE FREE CHURCH.—To-morrow—8, Holy Communion. 10.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. Rev. F. R. Alexander.

ST. MICHAN'S.—To-morrow—8.30 and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. G. D. Hobson.

ST. PAUL'S.—To-morrow—7, 8 and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. E. J. Young.

CHURCH OF THE FEMALE ORPHAN HOUSE.—To-morrow—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. Rev. A. P. Armstrong.

ST. KEVIN'S, S.C. road.—To-morrow—8, 10.30 and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. R. Bird.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, Aungier street.—To-morrow—6.30, 8 and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. R. H. Dowse.

ST. AUDOEN'S CHURCH, Cornmarket.—To-morrow—10, Holy Communion. Rev. R. J. Maconchy.

MOLYNEUX CHURCH, Bride street.—To-morrow—8.30 Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Service and Holy Communion. Rev. A. Morrow.

ALL SAINTS', Grangegorman.—To-morrow—7 and 8, Holy Communion. 11, Matins (said). 11.30, Sung Eucharist. Rev. William Bell. 4, Festal Evensong and Christmas Carols. St. Stephen's Day—9, Holy Communion.

MONKSTOWN PARISH CHURCH.—To-morrow—7.15, 8, 10.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. The Rector. Thursday—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, the Rev. Arthur H. Butler. 3.30, Young People's Service. 7, Evening Prayer and Holy Communion. The Rector.

SANDFORD PARISH CHURCH.—To-morrow—7, 8 and 10, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. Rev. W. N. Harvey.

CHAPELIZOD PARISH CHURCH.—To-morrow—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Matins and Holy Communion. Canon Strong.

THE MARINERS' CHURCH, Kingstown.—To-morrow—7, 8 and 10.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. Canon Chamberlain.

RATHFARNHAM PARISH CHURCH.—To-morrow—7, 8 and 10.15, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH Cramlin.—To-morrow—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.

ST. ANDREW'S, Malahide.—To-morrow—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.

ST. DOULAGH'S, Malahide.—To-morrow—10, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.

ST. MARNOCK'S, Portmarnock.—To-morrow—10, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.

ST PHILIP and ST. JAMES'S, Booterstown—To-morrow—7, 8, 10.30 and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. E. M. Bateman.

ST. BRIGID'S, Castleknock.—To-morrow—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. Rev. R. H. Bodel.

TULLOW CHURCH, Carrickmines.—To-morrow—8, Holy Communion. 11, Matins and Holy Communion.

HAROLD'S CROSS PARISH CHURCH.—To-morrow—7, 8, and 10.15, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.

KILLINEY.—To-morrow — 8 and 11.30, Holy Communion.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH.—To-morrow—7 and 8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. Rev. R. E. Weir.

ST. MARY'S, Donnybrook.—To-morrow—7, 8, 10, and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Canon Powell.

HOLY TRINITY PARISH CHURCH, Killiney.—To-morrow—8 and 9, Holy Communion. 11.30, Matins and Holy Communion.

ZION CHURCH, Rathgar.—To-morrow—7, 8, 10, Holy Communion. 11.30, Holy Communion. Canon L. Parkinson Hill.

CHRIST CHURCH, Kingstown.—To-morrow—7, 8 and 10, Holy Communion. 11.30, Matins and Holy Communion. Rev. N. H. Hamilton.

ST. JOHN'S, Monkstown.—To-morrow—7 and 8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.

ST. PHILIP'S PARISH CHURCH, Temple road.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. Rev. W. H. Cuiler.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES.

ABBEY CHURCH, Rutland square.—12 noon. Rev. J. C. Breavey.

ADELAIDE ROAD.—11.30, Very Rev. Dr. R. K. Hanna.

ST. ANDREW'S, Blackrock.—11.30, Rev. Finlay Stewart.

CLONTARF.—11.0, Very Rev. Dr. J. L. Morrow (children present gifts for children of Mission).

GREYSTONES.—11.0, Rev. R. K. Lyle.

KINGSTOWN.—11.30, Rev. J. S. Rutherford.

RATHGAR (Christ Church).—11.30, Very Rev. Dr. J. J. Macaulay.

SANDYMOUNT.—11.0, Rev. J. S. Crockett.

METHODIST CHURCHES.

CENTENARY CHURCH, Stephen's Green.—10.30, Rev. R. Lee Cole.

KINGSLAND PARK.—11.30, Rev. W. S. Morris.

DOLPHIN'S BARN.—11.30, Rev. W. H. Massey.

DALKEY.—11.30, Mr. Frank Macdonald.

BLACKROCK.—11.0, Rev. Dr. Carrothers.

CLONTARF.—10.0, Rev. Johnstone Hunter.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, Dublin—Lower Baggot street (Branch Church of The Mother Church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.). Services—Sunday, 11.30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday School, 11.30 a.m. Wednesday—Testimony Meeting 8 p.m. Christian from 11 a.m., free to the public.

OTHER CHURCHES AND HALLS.

YORK STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH —11.0, Holy Communion Service. Rev. Harold B. Mills.

MERRION HALL, Lower Merrion street.—12.0, Mr. Henry Steedman.

ST. ANNE'S CATHEDRAL, BELFAST

To-morrow.—8 and 10.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Mattins and Holy Communion. Venite and Psalm 19. New Irish Psalter. Te Deum, Morley in F. Jubilate, Bridgewater in A. Anthem, "There were shepherds . . . Glory to God. Hallelujah," Handel. Hymns 86, 84. Preacher, the Dean.

CORK CATHEDRAL

7 and 8, Holy Communion. 11.0, Matins and Holy Communion. Pro. Hymn 86. Psalm 29. Te Deum, Stanford in Bb. Communion Service, Darke in F. Introit, "There were Shepherds." Handel. Offertory Hymn 84. Communion Hymn 347. 4.0, Evensong (Choral). Pro. Hymn 84. Psalms 110, 132. Service, Stanford in Bb. 1st Anthem, "There were Shepherds," "Glory to God." 2nd Anthem, "For unto us," "Hallelujah," Handel.

THE RIGHT FLAVOUR
THE RIGHT AGE

THE RIGHT STRENGTH
THE RIGHT QUALITY

AIR CRASH IN A BLIZZARD

MACHINE STRIKES A TREE

INQUEST ON THE PASSENGER

AN RIDER urging the removal of a tree at Meir Aerodrome was added by a jury to the verdict at the inquest at Longton, Stoke-on-Trent, yesterday, on Mr. Roger David Clive (21), stockbroker, of Hyde Park road, London, who died from injuries received when the aeroplane in which he was a passenger collided with the tree.

The verdict was "accidental fall from a aeroplane in a blizzard."

NOBODY TO BLAME

The Coroner said that they could say that nobody was to blame for the accident. The 'plane was piloted by Mr. Clive's cousin, Miss Dorothy Clive, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Harry Clive, of Willough-Bridge, Market Drayton, Salop.

James McGuinness, of Segar's lane, Ainsdale, flying instructor to the North Staffordshire Aero Club at the Meir Aerodrome, said that while in the air giving instruction he saw another of the club's planes approaching. At that moment a blizzard came on. It was so bad that he decided to land at once. Visibility was only about ten yards. When he landed he saw the other 'plane make a left turn and strike a tree near the aerodrome boundary.

AN ISOLATED TREE

Mr. McGuinness said that the pilot did all that any pilot could have done. She turned south to get out of the storm. Had the tree not been in the way the 'plane would have escaped. He considered the tree dangerous, adding: "It is an isolated tree, and any isolated object is more dangerous than a complete wood."

THE LINEN TRADE

STEADY BUSINESS IN THE NORTH

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

BELFAST, Monday.

The official report of the Belfast linen trade for the past month, issued to-night, states that orders are coming in from all overseas markets for damasks and housekeeping linens, but quantities are small.

The home market continues to maintain a steady tone, chiefly in made-up linens, as is customary at this season. Handkerchiefs, plain, hemstitched and init

IRISHMAN'S DIARY

Oliver Plunket's Birthplace : Group-Captain Quinnell : Fallen Wood : York's Ideal Theatre . The Slot Machine

Group-Captain Quinnell

Among the earliest Christmas cards I received this year was one from Group-Captain J. C. Quinnell, of Tralee, County Kerry, who is now a prominent officer on the staff of No. 1 Air Defence Group of the Royal Air Force. Group-Captain Quinnell was educated at the Royal School, Dungannon, and became a member of the reporting staff of this newspaper. He was the first Irish journalist to fly, and went up as a passenger in Lord Carberry's aeroplane at a provincial agricultural show—at Waterford, I think—which he had been sent to report. As far as I can remember, he got into trouble when he returned to Dublin and told the story of his flight. His chief at the time, not caring for aviation, asked him what the paper would have done for the report of the show if Quinnell had been killed in the aeroplane. On the outbreak of war he joined the Royal Field Artillery at the Curragh, but soon transferred to the Royal Flying Corps, and served in France, India and Iraq. He was granted a permanent commission as a Squadron-Leader in the Royal Air Force in 1919, and was promoted to his present rank in 1931, when he took command of the Royal Air Force School of Naval Co-operation at Lee-on-Solent, Hampshire.

Firewood

To anyone who knows what the scattered twigs and branches of the roadside mean to the country people, it must seem a pity that the bitter cold of a frosty spell does not help to provide such fuel just when it is needed most. Any gale of wind brings out a crowd of searchers from the country cottages, but on the frozen roads one meets very few gatherers of firing, or brusna, as it is called in many districts. It may well be that the importance of fallen wood in the heating scheme of the countryside accounts for the number of place names that are connected with woods, especially those that refer rather to branches. County Kildare has its Branchy Wood, or wood of branchy trees, and in Meath there is the lake of the branchy tree. I once read in a famous book on Irish place names that there are more than thirty townlands in this country called Creevagh, meaning branchy land.

Dr. Plunket of Armagh

The movement for the canonisation of Archbishop Oliver Plunket, who was put to death at Tyburn in 1681 on the false charge of complicity in a French plot, has roused interest in the problem of the Primate's birthplace and parentage. In his letters, still extant, Dr. Plunket writes of the Earl of Fingall as his cousin, but how this might be has perplexed the historians. Tradition says that Dr. Plunket was born at Loughcrew, near Oldcastle, in Meath, but this has seemed hard to reconcile with relationship to the Plunkets of Fingall. Now, however, all has been made clear. In the *Catholic Bulletin*, the Christmas number, Father Paul Walsh—who is historiographer to the diocese of Meath—has an essay which settles the problem. Father Walsh quotes documents which prove that Dr. Plunket was in truth a scion of the Loughcrew family—the son of John Plunket, of that place, and his wife, Thomasina Dillon. However, it is shown that Thomasina Dillon was a niece of Christopher Plunket, Baron Killeen, from whom the Earls of Fingall are descended. Christopher's son was Lucas, the first Earl, whose son Christopher was thus the Primate's second cousin.

The Outlawed Family

Father Walsh's important essay appeared simultaneously with an article to the same effect, although with less detail, by Father Laurence Murray, E.I., in the *Dundalk Examiner*. In a subsequent article, commenting on Father Walsh's work, Father Murray has further notes of interest. He shows cause to believe that Dr. Plunket's father was dead before young Oliver went to Rome to become a priest, and that the family was among those that were expropriated for their part in the Confederate war. Save Lord Dunsany, none of the gentlemen of the house of Plunket, in its many haughty ramifications, escaped outlawry. Twenty-two of the name were indicted. This corrects an accepted notion that Dr. Plunket was—shall I say?—lacking in patriotic Irish connections.

By the way, I note that the *Standard*, in its Christmas number, gave a portrait of Dr. Plunket from Rome, which never before has been published in Ireland.

Lieut.-Col. Moore-Brabazon

In the new year Lieutenant-Colonel J. T. C. Moore-Brabazon, M.P., is going to have a very busy time. As a member of the Ullswater Committee which has been investigating the British Broadcasting Corporation's Charter, and will shortly present its report to the Postmaster-General (Major Tryon), he will naturally be deeply concerned with the debate which will follow its submission to Parliament and the ultimate control of radio broadcasting in Great Britain. Another of his duties concerns the distribution of the Air Ministry's subsidy for gliding clubs. This son of Lieutenant-Colonel J. A. H. Moore-Brabazon, of Tara Hall, County Meath, who was, of course, the first British subject to officially qualify for his air pilot's licence in 1910, and since that time has been closely in touch with aviation, was appointed one of the five trustees who will be responsible for the spending of the £5,000 which the British Government has allocated to the encouragement of flying in engineless aircraft. Lieutenant-Colonel Moore-Brabazon was honoured earlier this year by the Royal Aeronautical Society (of which he is a Fellow), who elected him President for 1935—his jubilee year as an air pilot.

Automatic Selling

Although automatic selling has taken a more prominent place in the life of England than it has in this country, owing to different shopping regulations, the automatic sales machine is, nevertheless, making its presence felt here. In the future, it was confidently predicted at a meeting of the Drapers' Chamber of Trade a short time ago, the popular stores may be a series of gigantic automatic machines. At this meeting Mr. Holbrook Jackson said that personal salesmanship was being gradually eliminated, and that the great multiple stores are relying so much upon advertising that sales are even now largely automatic, even with personal salesmanship. Customers, he said, really serve themselves from the advertisements, and the function of the seller is reduced to taking the money and wrapping up the selected goods. The last refuge of personal salesmanship, thinks Mr. Jackson, will be in the small shop, which shows no sign of being eliminated in any country. He did not mention that the salesmanship driven from the large store is having a new lease of life in house-to-house selling.

York's Ideal Theatre

The City of York has been provided, through the generosity of the Rowntree Village Trust, with an ideal theatre. It has been erected at the Rowntree Chocolate Works, and, although it is primarily intended for the benefit of the employés, the general public will be permitted to use it occasionally. The theatre is small—seating only 450 people—but it is almost a super-theatre. It has, for instance, a lighting equipment which is the first of its kind in the world. By the use of this equipment almost any colour can be obtained, and the curtains may be made to change colour at will. The air in the theatre is changed six times every hour, and the temperature can be controlled to meet the needs. It is said that there is not the slightest suspicion of echo in the building and that ventilation is unique. The theatre has had the benefit of the advice of specialists in every branch of theatre construction and equipment, so that a clear view and full hearing are assured to every seat in the house. It is expected that this little theatre will be taken as the pattern upon which theatre-building in the future will be based.

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PRESENTATION TO PROFESSOR

As a mark of their esteem and good wishes on his appointment as Principal, the staff of the Veterinary College of Ireland, Ballsbridge, presented Professor J. J. O'Connor, M.R.C.V.S., with a silver tea set.

The presentation was made by Professor T. G. Browne in the presence of members of the College staff and a number of past students at the College, Shelbourne road, Dublin, yesterday.

Professor O'Connor was recently appointed Principal in place of Professor J. F. Craig, who has retired.

Professor Browne paid a high tribute to the new Principal, and referred to the fact that he had been a member of the staff for thirty-three years. It was only reasonable and in the natural scheme of things, he said, that Professor O'Connor should now find himself in the position of head of the institution, which he had been serving so faithfully and efficiently. The relationships between their members under Professor Craig had always been most harmonious, and there was every reason to believe that the new Principal would receive the same loyalty and co-operation. They offered him their heartiest congratulations.

Professor O'Connor, replying, thanked the donors sincerely, and said that he would treasure their gift all his life.

A. E. Malone, who will give a broadcast talk dealing with the late Mr. Tom Kettle, in Thursday's Radio Athlone programme.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK

CHRISTMAS AT WINDSOR

The Duke and Duchess of York will spend Christmas at their own country home, Royal Lodge, Windsor Great Park. Originally they had planned to spend the festival with the King and Queen at the Royal Family party at Sandringham, but the doctors attending the Duchess, who has been suffering from influenza, decided yesterday that it would not be wise for her to travel in view of the bad weather.

Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret of York are already at Sandringham, having travelled there on Saturday with the King and Queen.

THE IRISH DISTRESSED LADIES' FUND

A meeting of the Executive Committee of The Irish Distressed Ladies' Fund was held at 6 Merrion square, Dublin, on Friday, Lady Moore presiding. Among those present were:—Mr. Cyril H. Dickinson, Miss Tottenham, Mrs. Ryan, Miss Kenny, Mrs. Stewart and Mr. W. F. Combes (secretary). Apologies for non-attendance were received from:—Lady Talbot de Malahide, Lady Mary Corbally, Lady De Freyne, Mr. Denis R. Pack-Beresford, D.L., and Mr. R. Nesbitt Keller.

The pension list for January, 1936, was submitted, and an amount of £52 2s. was sanctioned; also a sum of £16 to be paid as fuel grants to pensioners for the month.

A number of applications for assistance were considered and a grant authorised. A grant was also renewed from the Lady Clonbrock Fund.

Letters of thanks from recipients of grants, sanctioned at the last meeting, were read.

IRISH AERO CLUB DANCE

The annual dance of the Irish Aero Club, which takes place in the Gresham Hotel, Dublin, on Tuesday, January 14th, promises to repeat its success of former years.

The members of the Committee, which includes Mr. Wally Weldon, Mr. O hUadhaigh, Mr. and Mrs. C. McGonagle, Dr. May, Mr. J. Cormack, Mr. McAuley, Dr. Furlong, Sir O. Grattan Esmonde, and Mr. E. J. Dease, have left nothing undone in their efforts to ensure an enjoyable evening's entertainment.

Weather conditions permitting, machines are being flown from the Border Flying Club, Carlisle, Newtownards, and the Cork Aero Club to Baldonnel with visitors to the function.

ON THE WIRELESS

Daily Programme Review

TO-DAY

DUBLIN: "Candle and Crib," Christmas play, **8.**

NORTHERN IRELAND: "Christmas Eve at Mat Mulcaghey's," **7.45.**

B.B.C. NATIONAL: Bransby Williams, in "A Christmas Eve Fancy," **8.**

REGIONAL: Radio drama, "Reconnaissance," **8.30.**

WEST REGIONAL: Christmas Programme, Orchestral, **7.**

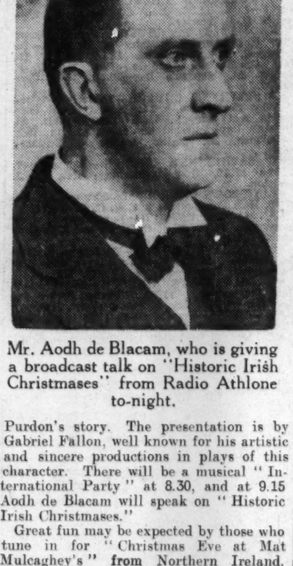
NORTH: Nativity Play, **7.55.**

BUDAPEST, PRAGUE, ETC.: Midnight Masses, **11.**

ROME, TURIN: Christmas Music, **7.25.**

THE Christmas spirit definitely enters Radio Athlone broadcasting to-day. Almost every item in the programme has some bearing on the festive season. At 6.5 it is announced that Santa Claus will broadcast a message to the children of Ireland. "Christmas Eve with Santa Claus" has been arranged by Dr. Vincent O'Brien, who will conduct the Station Orchestra in a special programme of vocal and orchestral music at 7.

"Candle and Crib" is a Christmas play, dramatised by Hugo Doak from K. F. Purdon's story. The presentation is by Gabriel Fallon, well known for his artistic and sincere productions in plays of this character. There will be a musical "International Party" at 8.30, and at 9.15 Aodh de Blacam will speak on "Historic Irish Christmases."



Mr. Aodh de Blacam, who is giving a broadcast talk on "Historic Irish Christmases" from Radio Athlone to-night.

Great fun may be expected by those who tune in for "Christmas Eve at Mat Mulcaghey's" from Northern Ireland. The programme consists of the record of a forced landing in Ballymulcaghey. Mat himself and Mrs. Rooney both are in the programme. Carols will be relayed from St. Anne's Cathedral, Belfast, at 9.30.

Passing on to the B.B.C. programmes one notes with delight Bransby Williams, who for years has endeared himself to the public by his faithful Dickens character studies. To-night he will represent only the good and jovial characters of the immortal writer, including that most complete convert, Scrooge. A toast will be proposed to Mr. Pickwick, who is now a hundred-year-old (1836-1936), and then the tick and chime of "Master Humphrey's Clock" will announce Christmas.

The annual broadcast Carol Service from St. Mary's, Whitechapel, one of the London parishes, which contains, perhaps, the toughest characters with the biggest hearts than any other district, will be heard at 9 (National). The B.B.C. Chorus and some members of the B.B.C. Military Band will go down to Whitechapel to assist.

Max Kester has assembled another group of female entertainers for an "All Girls Together" programme at 8.15 (National). Scottish listeners will delight in "Anither Nicht at the Bursts," arranged again by ex-Baillie Thomson for the Old Good Templars' Association, commencing at 7, and later at 9 there will be a relay from the Empire Theatre, Glasgow, of excerpts from the pantomime, "Babes in the Wood." These are but a few programmes chosen at random from the many Christmas items coming from all stations, given below.

RADIO ATHLONE.—DUBLIN, 223 Metres (1,348 Kc.) (1 Kw.). **ATHLONE, 531 Metres** (565 Kc.) (60 Kw.), and **CORK, 242 Metres** (1,240 Kc.) (1 Kw.).

1.30-2.30—Gramophone.
5.30—Children's Hour.
6. 5—Santa Claus himself will broadcast a message to the children of Ireland.
6.15—Gramophone.
6.45—News.
7. 0—Station Orchestra: "Christmas Eve with Santa Claus," with vocal and orchestral illustrations. Conductor, Dr. O'Brien. Leader, Terry O'Connor.
8. 0—"Candle and Crib." A Christmas Play, dramatised by Hugo Doak from K. F. Purdon's story. Presented by Gabriel Fallon.
8.30—International Party: A fors e lui ("Traviata") (Verdi); Es mus ein Wunderbares Sein (Liszt); Voi che sapete ("Figaro") (Mosart); Roisin Dubh, The Memory of the Dead (arr. Rooney); Je suis Titania ("Mignon") (Thomas); A Sestetto—Chi mi frena ("Lucia di Lammermoor") (Donizetti); The Cruiskeen Lawn (arr. Rooney).
9.15—Aodh de Blacam: Historic Irish Christmases.
9.30—Sponsored Programme.
10.30—What Happened To-day. Programme concluded by Light Music.
11. 0—Close down.

NORTHERN IRELAND—307.1 Metres (977 Kc.) (1 Kw.).

10.15—Daily Service.
10.30—Weather.
10.45-5.15—Regional.
5.15—Children's Hour.
6. 0—Time, News and Weather.
6.30—Roland Powell's Quartet, relayed from the Slieve Donard Hotel, Newcastle, Co. Down.
7. 0—Regional.
7.45—Christmas Eve at Mat Mulcaghey's.
8.30—Regional.
9. 0—Gramophone.
9.30—Carols, relayed from St. Anne's Cathedral, Belfast.
10. 0—Time, News and Weather.
10.10—Regional.

NATIONAL—1,500 Metres (200 Kc.) (150 Kw.).

10.15—Daily Service.
10.30—Time Signal, Greenwich.
10.30—Weather.
10.45—Gramophone.
11.15—Sidney Torch at the Organ of the Regal, Edmonton.
11.40—Gramophone.
12.30—The Leicester Opera House Orchestra.
1.30—Gramophone.
2.15—The B.B.C. Scottish Orchestra and Alexander Carmichael (baritone).
3. 5—To the Unemployed: "This and That," John Hilton.
3.25—A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols in King's College Chapel, Cambridge.
4.45—John Reynders with his Orchestra.
5.15—The Cellini Trio.
6. 0—Time, News and Weather.
6.30—The Foundations of Music: Brahms Pianoforte Trios, played by the Grinke Trio.
6.55—From the Four Corners.
7.30—The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra, directed by Henry Hall.
8. 0—The Inimitable Character Actor, Bransby Williams, in a Christmas Eve Fancy.
8.15—All Girls Together: Joy Jackley, Dorothy Monkman, Nellie Norway, Doris Palmer, Phyllis Robins, Elsie Sterndale, Alma Vane, Jean Melville at the piano, and Evelyn Hardy and her Ladies' Band, again assembled by Max Kester.
9. 0—A Carol Service by the B.B.C. Chorus, the B.B.C. Military Band, relayed from St. Mary's, Whitechapel.
9.30—Time, News and Weather.
10. 0—The Little Show: Freddy Dosh, Joan Carr, Ellie Atherton, the Hon. Arthur Eliot, Michel Grisar.
10.30-12.0—Billy Cotton and his Band

REGIONAL—342.1 Metres (877 Kc.) (50 Kw.).

10.15—Daily Service.
10.30—Weather.
10.45—The B.B.C. Welsh Orchestra.
11.45—The New Victoria Cinema Orchestra.
12.45—Gramophone.
1.15—The Manchester Tuesday Midday Society's Concert, relayed from the Houldsworth Hall, Manchester; the Manchester Cathedral Choir.
2. 0—Jan Berenska and his Orchestra, relayed from the Town Hall, Leamington Spa.
3. 0—The Torquay Municipal Orchestra and Laurence Holmes (baritone).
4.30—Gramophone.
5.15—Children's Hour.
6. 0—Time, News and Weather.
6.30—Reginald Dixon at the Organ of the Tower Ballroom, Blackpool.
7. 0—The Cambridge Heath Salvation Army Band.
7.45—Gramophone.
8.30—"Reconnaissance."
9. 0—The B.B.C. Orchestra.
10. 0—Time, News and Weather.
10.10—Gramophone.
10.30-12.0—Billy Cotton and his Band

MIDLAND—296.2 Metres (1,013 Kc.) (25 Kw.).

10.45-5.15—Regional
5.15—Children's Hour.
6. 0—Time, News and Weather.
6.30—Variety; Gramophone.
7.30—"St. George and the Champions," a Traditional Christmas Mumming Play, performed by the Worthen Village Players, and relayed from Hampton Hall, Worthen.
8. 0—The Norris Stanley Sextet.
8.30—"A Christmas Story," by Peter Chamberlain, read by Oliver Baldwin.
8.50—"I Remember . . .": A Programme for Christmas Eve.
10. 0—Time, News and Weather.
10.10-10.30—Regional.

WEST—373.1 Metres (804 Kc.) (50 Kw.).

10.15—Daily Service.
10.30—Weather.
10.45-5.15—Regional.
5.15—Children's Hour.
6. 0—Time, News and Weather.
6.30—North.
7. 0—A Christmas Programme. Clifford Deri (baritone), the B.B.C. Welsh Orchestra.
7.45—The G.W.R. (Cardiff) Male Voice Choir. Walter Glynne (tenor).
8.30—Regional.
10. 0—Time, News and Weather.
10.10—Welsh.
10.15—Regional.
10.30-12.0—Billy Cotton and his Band.

NORTH—449.1 Metres (668 Kc.) (50 Kw.).

10.15—Daily Service.
10.30—Weather.
10.45-5.15—Regional.
5.15—Children's Hour.
6. 0—Time, News and Weather.
6.30—Reginald Dixon, at the Organ of the Tower Ballroom, Blackpool.
7. 0—The Murton Colliery Prize Band.
7.40—"Looking Back." A Short Story by Gordon Fraser. Presented by Fred. Bannister.
7.55—A Nativity Play, relayed from Chester Cathedral.
8.30—Regional.
9. 0—"From Rondeau to Rumba." A Short Anthology of Dances, Old and New, presented by Johnny Rosen and his Band and the B.B.C. Northern Orchestra.
10. 0—Time, News and Weather.
10.10—The Northern Naturalist—4. "A Wild Goose Chase": William Aspden.
10.30-12.0—Regional.

SCOTTISH—391.1 Metres (767 Kc.) (50 Kw.).

10.15—Daily Service.
10.30—Weather.
10.45-5.15—Regional.
5.15—Scottish Children's Hour.
6.0—Time, News and Weather.
6.30—North.
7. 0—Another Nicht at The Bursts (the Old Good Templars' Harmonic Association Concerts). Chairman, ex-Bailie William Thomson, J.P. Artistes: Mr. J. M. Hamilton (veteran tenor in song and duet, with Nellie McNab) Miss Mae Johnstone (soprano), Mr. Hamilton Scott (violinist), Mr. Dan Shaw and Miss Meg Watson (sketch artists), Mr. Tony Walsh (story-teller) Messrs. Dunbart and Rhode (comedians), and the St. Mungo Quartet. The programme specially arranged by ex-Bailie Thomson.
8. 0—A Pianoforte Recital by Erik Chisholm.
8.30—Regional.
9. 0—Excerpts from the Pantomime, "Babes in the Wood," relayed from the Empire Theatre, Glasgow.
10. 0—Time, News and Weather.
10.10—Scottish News Bulletin.
10.20—Regional.

ON THE CONTINENT

BERLIN (F) (356.7 Metres).—7.0-9.0 p.m.—Christmas Concert by the Station Orchestra, Choir and Soloists.

BUDAPEST (549.5 Metres).—11.0 p.m.—Midnight Mass from the Regnum Marianum Kapelle.

HILVERSUM (H) (1,875 Metres).—7.25-10.25 p.m.—Christmas Concert.

OSLO (1,153.8 Metres).—6.30-8.30 p.m.—Scandinavian Christmas Concert.

POSTE PARISIEN (312.8 Metres).—9.15-10.30 p.m.—Gala Concert.

ROME (420.8 Metres).—7.25-8.30 p.m.—Christmas Concert.

CHRISTMAS DAY

DUBLIN: Mr. de Valera's Message, **5**; Christmas Music, **8.35.**

NORTHERN IRELAND: "Songs for Hard Wear," Stuart Robertson, **7.30.**

B.B.C. NATIONAL: Empire Broadcast—the King to speak, **2.25**; Radio Christmas Party, **7.30.**

ALL REGIONALS: Henry Hall's Hour, **11**; Symphony Concert, **8.15.**

SCOTTISH: Morality play, "No Room at the Inn," **7.30.**

KALUNDBORG: Foreign Carols, **5.30.**

MUNICH: Opera, "The Meistersingers" (Wagner), **5.5.**

CHRISTMAS DAY programmes proper are almost bewildering in their provision of items, as mixed and varied as the ingredients for the pudding itself. A glance at the lists below will be sure to find something for everyone, from symphony concerts to dance music, from plays to parties, and many contributions of local interest.

At 5 the Saorstat Stations will broadcast a Christmas Message to Irish listeners from Mr. de Valera. This will be followed by a relay from Vienna at 6.10 of Austrian melodies, and another relay from abroad will bring Polish music from Warsaw at 8.

An admirable selection of Christmas music has been chosen for the programme of the Station Orchestra and Vocal Quartet, with Dr. Vincent O'Brien conducting. There is a lovely choice of vocal items for solo and quartet, and the orchestral music includes Ketelby's Christmas medley, "Dream of Christmas."

Northern Ireland will broadcast another programme of "Songs for Hard Wear," sung by Stuart Robertson, supported by the B.B.C. Northern Ireland Male Chorus, with Harry Dyson and James Hopkinson (piccolos) and William Whitford (xylophone) as soloists.

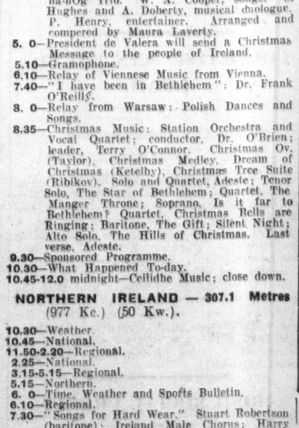
Under the general title of "This Great Family," the special B.B.C. Christmas broadcast commences at 2.25 in the National programme with a prologue, in which the Spirit of Christmas will be expressed by a Carol and a Story of the Nativity. Then comes a series of relays from various parts of Great Britain and the British Empire, followed at 3 by a message to his peoples from H.M. the King, relayed from Sandringham. Broadcasting organisations of Australia, New Zealand, Africa, Canada, India and Palestine have co-operated in the preparation of this Round-the-Empire programme.

The Radio Christmas Party has an attraction that other parties lack by tuning in or out from 7.30 to 9.30. Guests may arrive or depart at their own sweet will, without fear of offence to host or hostess. The party is going at top speed all the time.

All Regionals will take the relay from Vienna at 6.10, under the general title, "From the Banks of the Danube."

Sir Hamilton Harty will be in charge of the Symphony Concert, when Orrea Pernel will act as violin soloist. The programme consists of Sir Hamilton's transcription of Handel's Concerto for orchestra with organ, and his own "In Ireland," a rhapsody for flute, harp and small orchestra; two movements from Mozart's Haffner Serenade; and the first broadcast performance of Bizet's Symphony No. 1 in C.

Christmas plays consist of "Unto Us," composed from the Holy Bible, and from works of Shakespeare, Tennyson, Chesterton, etc., and from the works of Handel, Bach, Vaughan Williams, Hely-Hutchinson, etc. The cast will be supported by the B.B.C. Chorus and Orchestra, with G. Thalben Ball at the organ (National, 6.10). Then from Scotland will come "No Room at the Inn," by David Cleghorn Thomson. The action passes in the kitchen of a small country inn, not far from the city, on Christmas Eve. Everyone is busy with their own preparations, then—a strange thing happens.



Mr. Andy White, a veteran North Channel pilot and Donaghadee fisherman, who will be the central figure of the Northern Ireland broadcast in the Empire Christmas Day Greetings from the B.B.C.

RADIO ATHLONE.—DUBLIN, 223 Metres (1,348 Kc.) (1 Kw.). **ATHLONE, 531 Metres** (565 Kc.) (60 Kw.), and **CORK, 242 Metres** (1,240 Kc.) (1 Kw.).

3. 0—Gramophone.
4. 0—Relay of Children's Christmas Party from St. Mary's Open-air Hospital for Children, Cappagh, County Dublin. Ceol-fhuireann Craobh Moibhi. Kitty Fagan, songs. Tir-na-nOg Trio. W. A. Cooper, songs. C. Hughes and A. Doherty, musical dialogue. P. Henry, entertainer. Arranged and compered by Maura Laverty.
5. 0—President de Valera will send a Christmas Message to the people of Ireland.
5.10—Gramophone.
6.10—Relay of Viennese Music from Vienna.
7.40—"I have been in Bethlehem": Dr. Frank O'Reilly.
8. 0—Relay from Warsaw: Polish Dances and Songs.
8.35—Christmas Music: Station Orchestra and Vocal Quartet; conductor, Dr. O'Brien; leader, Terry O'Connor. Christmas Ov. (Taylor), Christmas Medley, Dream of Christmas (Ketelby) Christmas Tree Suite (Ribikov). Solo and Quartet, Adeste; Tenor Solo, The Star of Bethlehem; Quartet, The Manger Throne; Soprano, Is it far to Bethlehem? Quartet, Christmas Bells are Ringing; Baritone, The Gift; Silent Night; Alto Solo, The Hills of Christmas. Last verse, Adeste.
9.30—Sponsored Programme.
10.30—What Happened To-day.
10.45-12.0 midnight—Cellidhe Music; close down.

NORTHERN IRELAND — 307.1 Metres (977 Kc.) (50 Kw.).

10.30—Weather.
10.45—National.
11.50-2.20—Regional.
2.25—National.
3.15-5.15—Regional.
5.15—Northern.
6. 0—Time, Weather and Sports Bulletin.
6.10—Regional.
7.30—"Songs for Hard Wear." Stuart Robertson (baritone); Ireland Male Chorus; Harry Dyson and James Hopkinson (piccolo duets); William Whitford (xylophone).
8.15—Regional.
9.30—Time, News and Weather.
9.40—National.
9.50—Regional.
10.20—Regional.
10.30—Regional.
11. 0-12.0—Regional.

NATIONAL—1,500 Metres (200 Kc.) (150 Kw.).

10.30—Time Signal, Greenwich.
10.30—Weather.
10.45—A Christmas Morning Service, relayed from Leicester Cathedral. Address by the Very Rev. F. B. Macnutt (Provost and Archdeacon of Leicester).
11.50—Hemlin Music at the Organ of the Trocadero Cinema, Elephant and Castle.
12.30—Charles Manning and his Orchestra.
1.35—Gramophone. Excerpts from "Merrie England," by Sir Edward German.
2.25—"This Great Family." The Prologue: The Spirit of Christmas expressed by a Christmas Carol ("O come, all ye Faithful) and the Story of the Nativity, as told by St. Luke, and the Bells of the Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem.
2.30—A programme showing the spirit of Christmas in homes and families throughout Great Britain and the British Empire, including relays from: The North of England (Sheffield), Canada (Ottawa), Scotland (Fyvie, Aberdeenshire), South Africa (Wynberg Hill, Cape Town), Northern Ireland (Donaghadee Harbour), India (Bombay), Wales (Aberdare), Australia (Sydney), the South of England (London), New Zealand (Wellington).
3. 0—A Message from H.M. the King, relayed from Sandringham. "God Save the King." The following broadcasting organisations have co-operated in the preparation of the programme: Australian Broadcasting Commission, New Zealand Broadcasting Board, African Broadcasting Company, Ltd.; Canadian Radio Broadcasting Commission, Controller of Broadcasting, Government of India; Department of Posts and Telegraphs, Palestine.
3.15—The Hastings Municipal Orchestra. Henry Wendon (tenor).
4.45—The John MacArthur Quintet.
5.15—The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra, directed by Henry Hall.
6. 0—Time, Weather and Sports.
6.10—"Unto Us," a pageant of Christmas, Composed from the Holy Bible, and from the works of Arnold, Blake, Chesterton, Gwent, Jonson, de la Mare, Milton, Myers, Shakespeare, Tennyson and Wesley; and from the works of Bach, Gibbons, Handel, Warlock, Parry, Sullivan, Vaughan Williams, Haydn, Hely-Hutchinson and others. The cast: Laidman Browne, Robert Farquharson, Frith Banbury, Barbara Palmer, Robert Speaight and Ion Swinley. The B.B.C. Chorus (Section B), with Orchestra and G. Thalben-Ball at the organ.
7.15—Boar's Head Ceremony at the Queen's College, Oxford, relayed from the College Hall (by permission of the Provost and Fellows).
7.30—A Radio Christmas Party. Comedians, dance music, charades and musical games, Christmas crackers; all kinds of happy-go-lucky entertainment. Tune in at any time between 7.30 and 9.30 and take your chance.
9.30—Time, News and Weather.
9.40—Wireless for the Blind: An Appeal on behalf of the British Wireless for the Blind Fund, by the Right Hon. Viscount Sankey, G.B.E., D.C.L., LL.D.
9.50—The B.B.C. Midland Orchestra.
11. 0-12.0—Henry's Hall's Hour.

REGIONAL—342.1 Metres (877 Kc.) (50 Kw.)

10.30—Weather.
10.45—National.
11.50—The B.B.C. Northern Orchestra.
12.45—Troise and his Mandoliers, with Don Carlos (tenor).
1.30—The B.B.C. Northern Ireland Orchestra.
2.25—National.
3.15—The J. H. Squire Celeste Octet. May Moore (soprano).
4.15—The Luton Band. Joseph Farrington (bass).
5.15—Children's Hour.
6. 0—Time and Weather.
6.10—From the Banks of the Danube. A Broadcast pot-pourri of Austrian Melodies. A pot-pourri of songs from the provinces, waltzes from Vienna and melodies from the lesser-known classics, arranged by Lothar Riedinger. Relayed from Vienna.
7.30—The Leslie Bridgewater Quintet.
8.15—A Symphony Concert. Solo violin, Orrea Pernel. The B.B.C. Orchestra. Conducted by Sir Hamilton Harty.
9.30—Time, News and Weather.
9.50—Dance Music: Joe Loss and his Band.
10.20—Jenny Howard (the Comedy Girl).
10.30—Joe Loss and his Band (continued).
11. 0-12.0—Henry Hall's Hour.

MIDLAND—296.2 Metres (1,013 Kc.) (25 Kw.).

11.50-2.20—Regional.
2.25—National.
3.15-5.15—Regional.
5.15—Northern.
6. 0—Time and Weather.
6.10—Regional.
7.30—Dance Music. Then and Now: The Ritz Players.
8.15—Regional.
9.30—Time, News and Weather.
9.40—National.
9.50—Regional.
10.20—Regional.
10.30-11.0—Regional.

WEST—373.1 Metres (804 Kc.) (50 Kw.).

10.30—Weather.
10.45—National.
11.50-2.20—Regional.
2.25—National.
3.15-5.15—Regional.
5.15—North.
6. 0—Time, Weather and Sports.
6.10—Regional.
9.30—Time, News and Weather.
9.40—National.
9.50—Regional.
10.20—Regional.
10.30—Regional.
11. 0-12.0—Regional.

NATIONAL—1,500 Metres (200 Kc.) (150 Kw.).

10.30—Time Signal, Greenwich.
10.30—Weather.
10.45—A Christmas Morning Service, relayed from Leicester Cathedral. Address by the Very Rev. F. B. Macnutt (Provost and Archdeacon of Leicester).
11.50—Hemlin Music at the Organ of the Trocadero Cinema, Elephant and Castle.
12.30—Charles Manning and his Orchestra.
1.35—Gramophone. Excerpts from "Merrie England," by Sir Edward German.
2.25—"This Great Family." The Prologue: The Spirit of Christmas expressed by a Christmas Carol ("O come, all ye Faithful) and the Story of the Nativity, as told by St. Luke, and the Bells of the Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem.
2.30—A programme showing the spirit of Christmas in homes and families throughout Great Britain and the British Empire, including relays from: The North of England (Sheffield), Canada (Ottawa), Scotland (Fyvie, Aberdeenshire), South Africa (Wynberg Hill, Cape Town), Northern Ireland (Donaghadee Harbour), India (Bombay), Wales (Aberdare), Australia (Sydney), the South of England (London), New Zealand (Wellington).
3. 0—A Message from H.M. the King, relayed from Sandringham. "God Save the King." The following broadcasting organisations have co-operated in the preparation of the programme: Australian Broadcasting Commission, New Zealand Broadcasting Board, African Broadcasting Company, Ltd.; Canadian Radio Broadcasting Commission, Controller of Broadcasting, Government of India; Department of Posts and Telegraphs, Palestine.
3.15—The Hastings Municipal Orchestra. Henry Wendon (tenor).
4.45—The John MacArthur Quintet.
5.15—The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra, directed by Henry Hall.
6. 0—Time, Weather and Sports.
6.10—"Unto Us," a pageant of Christmas. Composed from the Holy Bible, and from the works of Arnold, Blake, Chesterton, Gwent, Jonson, de la Mare, Milton, Myers, Shakespeare, Tennyson and Wesley; and from the works of Bach, Gibbons, Handel, Warlock, Parry, Sullivan, Vaughan Williams, Haydn, Hely-Hutchinson and others. The cast: Laidman Browne, Robert Farquharson, Frith Banbury, Barbara Palmer, Robert Speaight and Ion Swinley. The B.B.C. Chorus (Section B), with Orchestra and G. Thalben-Ball at the organ.
7.15—Boar's Head Ceremony at the Queen's College, Oxford, relayed from the College Hall (by permission of the Provost and Fellows).
7.30—A Radio Christmas Party. Comedians, dance music, charades and musical games, Christmas crackers; all kinds of happy-go-lucky entertainment. Tune in at any time between 7.30 and 9.30 and take your chance.
9.30—Time, News and Weather.
9.40—Wireless for the Blind: An Appeal on behalf of the British Wireless for the Blind Fund, by the Right Hon. Viscount Sankey, G.B.E., D.C.L., LL.D.
9.50—The B.B.C. Midland Orchestra.
11. 0-12.0—Henry's Hall's Hour.

REGIONAL—342.1 Metres (877 Kc.) (50 Kw.)

10.30—Weather.
10.45—National.
11.50-2.20—Regional.
2.25—National.
3.15-5.15—Regional.
5.15—Children's Hour.
6. 0—Time and Weather.
6.10—Regional.
7.30—Carols and other Music: A Miscellany.
8. 0—"A Christmas Knockout." A short story by Carter Platts. Told by C. A. Milford.
8.15—Regional.
9.30—Time, News and Weather.
9.40—National.
9.50—Regional.
10.20—Regional.
10.30—Regional.
11. 0-12.0—Regional.

SCOTTISH—391.1 Metres (767 Kc.) (50 Kw.).

10.30—Weather.
11. 0—A Scottish Religious Service, relayed from the Park Parish Church, Glasgow. Address by the Rev. A. W. Scudamore Forbes, D.D.
11.50-2.20—Regional.
2.25—National.
3.15-5.15—Regional.
5.15—Scottish Children's Hour: A Christmas Party in the Studio, with Carol Singers.
6. 0—Time, Weather and Sports.
6.10—Regional.
7.30—"No Room at the Inn." A Christmas Morality Play, by David Cleghorn Thomson.
8. 0—Chance Acquaintance—6. Alastair Borthwick.
8.15—Regional.
9.30—Time, News and Weather.
9.40—National.
9.50—Regional.
10.20—Scottish Dance Music: The B.B.C. Scottish Orchestra.
11. 0-12.0—Regional

ON THE CONTINENT

BERLIN (D) (1,571 M.)—7.0-9.0 p.m.—Mozart, Strauss, Wagner. Concert by the Station Orchestra and Soloists.

BUDAPEST (549.5 M.)—5.20-6.20 p.m.—Concert by the Kiss Cigany Band.

HAMBURG (331.9 M.)—6.30-7.45 p.m.—Concert of Waltzes by a Symphony Orchestra and Tenor Soloist.

KALUNDBORG (1,261 M.)—5.30 p.m.—Recital of Christmas Songs of Many Lands.

MUNICH (405.4 M.)—5.0-10.5 p.m.—"The Mastersingers," Opera in three acts (Wagner), from the State Theatre.

PARIS (PTT) (431.7 M.)—5.30-6.30 p.m.—Christmas Carols.

ST. STEPHEN'S DAY.
Programmes for St. Stephen's Day will be found in Page 3.

"HIS MASTER'S VOICE"
RADIO GRAMOPHONES AND RECORDS AT THE GRAMOPHONE AND RADIO STORES, Johnston's Court, Grafton Street, Dublin. (Opposite Clarendon Street Church.) LOOK FOR ELECTRIC SIGN.

A CHRISTMAS GREETING

May Christmas, kindly Christmas, fall
About you with a thousand things
Of love and old remembrings,
With holly garlands on the wall.

With friends, the playmates of

A DUBLIN STAFF DINNER

A group taken at the annual staff dinner of Messrs. Battersby and Co., held at the Red Bank Restaurant, Dublin, last night. Seated (left to right): Mr. R. J. Fitzpatrick, Miss M. Foley, Mr. R. V. Judd, Mr. H. S. Mandeville, Mr. P. Riordan and Mr. P. Connolly. Behind: Mr. H. A. Sweeny, Mr. D. Sully, Mr. M. Dwyer, Mr. J. Daly, Mr. G. M. Young, Mr. C. Kirwan, Mr. J. Rice and Mr. J. O'Loughlin.

CENTRAL BANK RESERVES

RELATIONSHIP TO DEMAND LIABILITIES

FLEXIBILITY OF NEW PROVISIONS

A CHARACTERISTIC of the post-war effort of economic reconstruction in Europe was the widespread establishment of central banks, says an article in the December issue of the *Irish Trade Journal*. The general practice was to impose upon these banks a legal obligation to maintain a minimum proportional relationship between their cash reserves and their demand liabilities. Usually, their demand liabilities were, according to the *Monthly Review* of the Midland Bank (September-October, 1935), defined as including sight deposits as well as notes, while more often than not both gold and gold exchange were made eligible as cash reserves. Whereas, therefore, before the war the proportional reserve regulation in central bank statutes was rare, in the post-war period it became fashionable. This was so not only in Europe, but in more distant parts of the world, especially in Latin America, where the example of the federal reserve system was generally followed.

ALTERATION OF LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The past five years or so have seen numerous revisions or practical modifications of legal requirements concerning cash reserves. Moreover, these changes have not been limited to post-war central banks; some institutions of far longer standing have been the subject of revision of existing regulations. Thus, for example, when the new relationship of the franc with gold was fixed in 1928, the old method of limiting the note issue of the Bank of France by imposing a statutory maximum was abandoned in favour of a proportional reserve system, the new requirement being that a gold reserve of at least 35 per cent. of note and demand deposit liabilities must be maintained. Later in the same year, Great Britain took the opportunity presented by amalgamation of the Bank of England and Treasury note issues to incorporate a measure of elasticity in a system of fixed fiduciary issue. While apparent fixity was retained, at the figure of £260 millions incorporated in the law, provision was made for the figure to be raised by any amount by agreement between the Bank and the Treasury, subject after two years to the approval of Parliament. Sweden provides a third example of adaptation to modern needs. The Riksbank operates under an unusual combination of fixed fiduciary issue and proportional reserve, and as recently as 1933 the fiduciary issue was further raised, the law continuing to require a 50 per cent. gold reserve against note issues above this figure. With singular enlightenment, this added measure of elasticity was provided at a time when gold reserves were not only ample under the old law, but were actually growing.

These three changes, which, in contrast to several to be mentioned later, were not prompted by conditions arising directly from the world crisis, have the common quality that they were designed to bring the gold reserve provisions more or less into accord with modern ideas. Another group of changes, though associated in part with conditions arising from the world crisis, constituted variations in the bases of currency systems. In Czechoslovakia and Poland, for example, the legal reserve provisions were altered in conformity with a fairly general trend away from gold exchange standards to something more closely approaching full gold standards. The central banking law in Czechoslovakia, like several of the post-war laws, prescribed a progressively rising minimum reserve, of gold and gold exchange against total sight liabilities, which from the end of 1935 onwards would have been 35 per cent. Early in 1934, however, when devaluation of the crown was undertaken, the law was amended also in respect of reserves. The minimum ratio, at that time standing at 30 per cent., was reduced to 25; but "devisen" were deprived of eligibility as legal reserve, and the minimum must henceforth be provided in gold alone. Poland, moreover, without adopting any such emergency measure as devaluation, has taken similar action in respect of reserves. The law governing the Bank of Poland required a minimum reserve of 40 per cent., of which at least three-quarters had to consist of gold, against all demand liabilities. Early in 1933, however, the rules were altered, and the legal reserve was made to consist solely of gold, which must at all times amount to at least 30 per cent. of demand liabilities in excess of zl. 100 millions. Thus an element of the fixed fiduciary issue system was introduced, along with reversion to a pure gold reserve, and in net effect the stringency of the former rule was to some extent modified.

THE STERLING GROUP

The opposite of this process of shifting from exchange standards to pure gold standards is visible within an area of the "sterling group." Perhaps, the most notable change here was one result of the special force with which the world crisis descended, at a particularly early date, upon Australia. The law governing the Commonwealth Bank of Australia prescribed a minimum gold reserve of 25 per cent. against notes in circulation; but at the beginning of 1931, while the gold holding was well above this proportion, it became necessary to ship gold to London to meet external obligations. A temporary reduction of the reserve requirement was, therefore, enacted. In the early part of 1932, however, a more drastic revision was undertaken. The former figure of 25 per cent. was restored, but it was provided that sterling assets—that is, balances in London banks and sterling bills with prescribed qualifications—should rank equally with gold in the maintenance of this minimum. Thus, Australia is placed more definitely in the legal sense—though the practical position is in essence unchanged—on a sterling exchange standard, without the restrictions implicit in fixity of exchange rates. Incidentally, she is in the happy position of being able to earn a small income on the basic reserves of her central bank. From a world point of view, Australia's change represents an economy in gold, to offset in part the recent reverse movement in Europe, expressed in a more or less general conversion of exchange reserves into gold. It will have been observed, too, that nearly all the new central banks of recent years—in particular those of New Zealand, India and Argentina—have power, though not all unrestricted power, to hold exchange along with gold as part of their reserves for fulfilment of legal minima. The period during which these banks have been operating is too short to show how far the provisions for exchange reserves will be effective in practice.

LOWER RESERVE RATIOS

Reference to these new central banks leads to the observation that the general level of percentage requirements has declined. The ratio fashion was set in the United States with 40 per cent.; in the post-war reconstruction period it declined to figures from 30 per cent. upwards; in the recent era of the "sterling group" it has fallen further. True, the figure for India is 40, but for Canada and New Zealand, as well as for Argentina, it is 25. In this respect the new banks carry into effect the advice of the Monetary and Financial Commission of the World Economic Conference of 1933, for that commission recommended a lowering of reserve ratios in order to achieve some economy in the world's available and prospective supplies of gold, and thus to impart greater elasticity to monetary systems.

In a number of countries the pressure of the world depression has driven reserve ratios down below the legal minima prescribed by law. In Germany, states the *Review*, the Reichsbank, largely because of heavy external debt obligations and a growing disequilibrium on the country's current payments and receipts, found it necessary to draw heavily upon its gold and exchange holdings. Under the central bank law of 1924 a minimum reserve of 40 per cent. was required against the note circulation, and of this amount not less than three-quarters was to be in gold, while rather less stringent rules were laid down in respect of deposit liabilities. There was, however, an element of elasticity in these arrangements. The bank's own "General Council" could suspend the 40 per cent. minimum, but if the reserve fell below that figure a tax became payable, the rate of which increased as the cash ratio fell. Moreover, as the cash ratio fell a rising rate of discount was to be imposed. These arrangements were put aside; in September, 1932, the penalty provisions, both as regards deficiency tax and penal discount rate, were suspended. Following the suspension of the 40 per cent. ratio, the reserve continued to fall until it reached a level below Rmk. 100 millions, and at this level, representing only two to three per cent. of note issue liabilities, it has remained for well over a year.

To mention other examples. In Austria and Hungary the effective minima for gold and exchange reserves against demand liabilities were lowered to 20 and 24 per cent. respectively. In Jugo-slavia, early this year, the minimum proportion of gold plus a limited quantity of exchange against all demand liabilities was reduced to 25 per cent. and at the same time the central bank was given the power to write up its gold holding substantially, in conformity with the depreciation of the dinar in terms of gold, for purposes of computing the proportion. The Bulgarian National Bank, too, has given notice of a pending reduction in the minimum reserve requirement. Coming within the area of the sterling group, Denmark in May, 1933, rendered the gold reserve regulations of its central bank somewhat more elastic in order to permit the freer use of gold to meet external payments; already, moreover, the minimum reserve ratio had been lowered. And finally, Italy, a short time ago suspended the 40 per cent. requirement of gold and gold exchange against note and other demand liabilities of the central bank, this step being enforced by the "necessity and urgency of obtaining means of payment abroad of an exceptional character."

The list of changes here enumerated many not be complete and certainly is not detailed, but it is at least comprehensive, and for that very reason significant. It covers countries maintaining their gold parities and countries which have long since departed from them; some within the sterling group and others outside it; some producing mainly primary commodities, and some highly industrialised. But there is this community of circumstance: that nearly all, especially those forced into action by the world slump, are debtor countries. This leads to conclusions which may enter into the formulation of plans for future monetary and central banking reorganisation.

"NO RETROGRESSION"

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES

SIR,—I should like to say that, as Chairman of Clann na h-Eireann, I was present at the reception given in the Rathmines Town Hall on Saturday, 21st inst., and, in view of the address delivered by the Minister for Education on that occasion, I should like it to be understood that I am in thorough agreement with the statement recently issued by the Dublin City branch of the I.N.T.O. on the question of the use of the home language as a teaching medium.

Needless to say, I am entirely in favour of the aims and objects of Clann na h-Eireann, and have done, and will continue to do, everything in my power to further them.—Yours, etc.,

SEAN P. O'GRADY.

Christ the King N.S., Cabra, Dublin,
December 23rd, 1935.

SOUTH ATLANTIC FLIGHT

AN UNNERVING EXPERIENCE

MISS JEAN BATTEN'S STORY

MISS JEAN BATTEN, the twenty-five years old New Zealand girl, who set up a world's record by flying across the South Atlantic in thirteen and a quarter hours, is back again in England.

She arrived at Southampton yesterday in the Royal Mail liner Asturias, which was delayed by fog when approaching England.

Jean, looking very bright, and happy to be in England again on the eve of Christmas, was given a civic reception by the Mayor of Southampton, and was met by Mr. John Lord, representing the Royal Aero Club, and Mr. E. W. Percival, the designer of her aeroplane.

NEVER-FAILING MACHINE

She brought her 'plane with her, and, indeed, every day during the voyage from Buenos Aires she tended and looked after it as though it were a pet.

"I love this machine," she told a reporter. "I trusted my life to it, and it never failed me."

In the lapel of her coat Jean was wearing four Air Force badges—the emblems of the Argentine, Uruguay and Brazil (military and naval) Air Forces, of which she had been made an honorary member.

START OF THE FLIGHT

Telling the story of her record flight, she said: "I left England on Armistice Day and landed at Port Natal, Brazil, in sixty-one hours. It was an experience I shall never forget, and when I was flying over the South Atlantic I felt lonelier than I believed it was possible for anybody to feel. I have crossed the Timor Sea twice, but I have never felt so lonely in all my life.

"I took off at about 3 o'clock in the morning from Port Thies in drizzling rain. They wanted me to wait, but I was keyed up then, and could not bear the thought of putting off the start of the most difficult part of the flight. There were no flares or night flying equipment at the aerodrome, and so I had to take off with the aid of the headlamps of two motor cars.

FLYING BLIND

"Five miles off the West African coast I saw the lights of a ship, and then nothing else. When I was half-way over I would have given anything to have seen a ship I was so terribly lonely. I was flying at times at 600 feet, and through the Doldrums I encountered terrible weather.

"Indeed, I seemed to be running into storms all the way across, off and on, and then I had a terrible experience. I was flying absolutely blind through one of these storms, and was forced lower and lower. Then suddenly my compass started to go wrong. The needle had turned about 180 degrees, and I thought I was lost. I decided to trust to my instruments, and gradually the compass swung back again to normal. The only explanation I can give is that some electrical disturbances in the Doldrums must have affected the compass.

"When I was 300 miles off the Brazil coast I was overjoyed to see a cargo ship. It showed me that I was on my right course and practically at the end of the big cross-Atlantic flight.

"I don't think I would like to do it alone again, for this part of the flight was the best part of 2,000 miles—a long stretch and a great strain."

CORK'S CHRISTMAS TRADE

HEAVY RAILWAY TRAFFIC

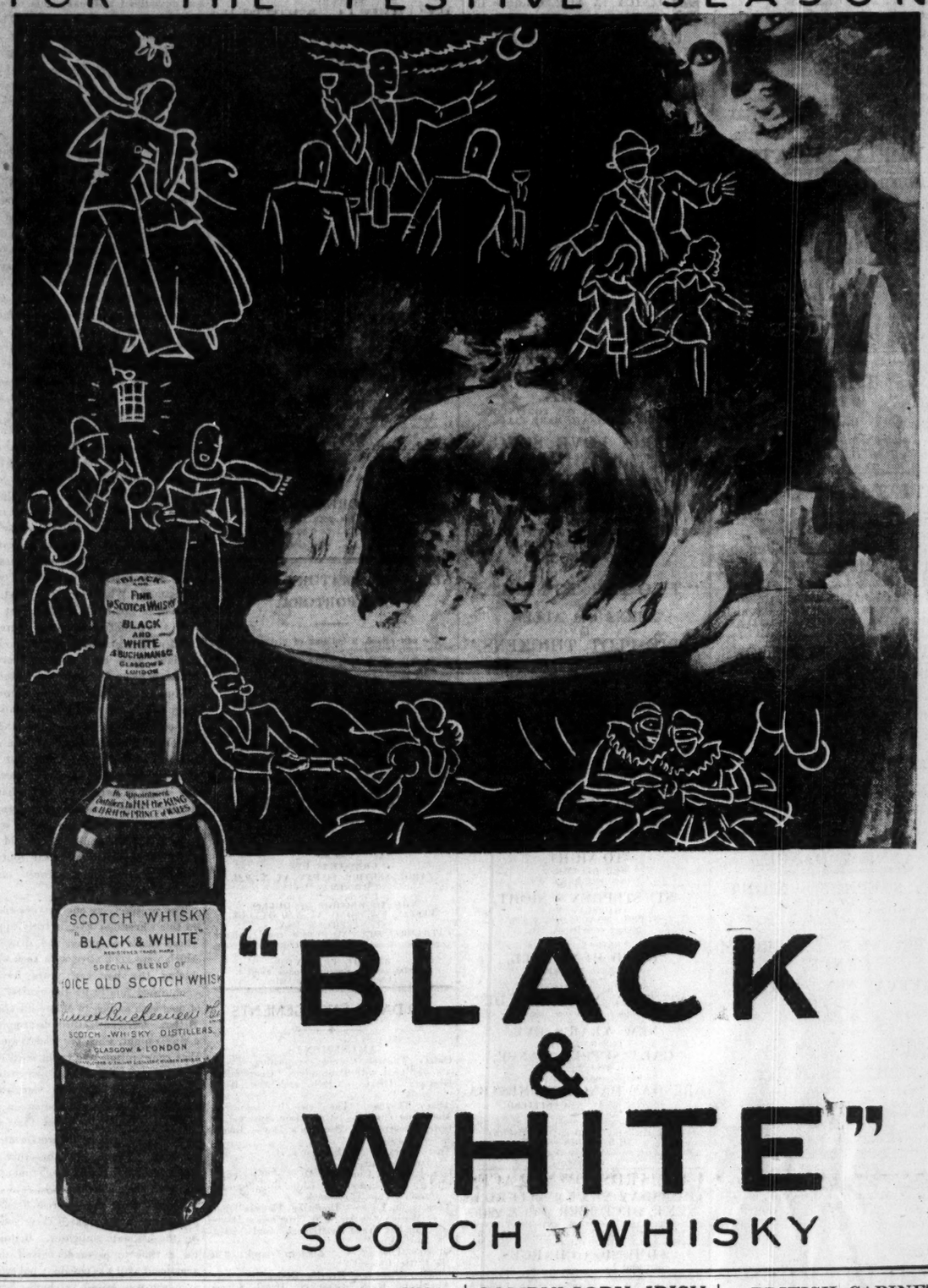
The Christmas bustle was at its peak in Cork yesterday, the streets being thronged with busy shoppers. Railway and steamship companies in the South report exceptionally heavy traffic, the numbers of passengers being greater than last year, while two hundred extra men have found employment at the Cork Post Office.

The outward parcel mail for England is smaller than hitherto owing to tariffs, but other departments are dealing with increased traffic, provincial mails being up by no less than fifty per cent., while the inward American mail was nearly twice as heavy as last year.

SUDDEN DEATH WHILE SHOPPING

Mrs. Jones, aged about 60 years, of 8 Whitworth road, Dublin, collapsed at about midday yesterday when out shopping. She was brought by the ambulance to the Mater Hospital, but was found to be dead on admission.

FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON



"BLACK & WHITE"
SCOTCH WHISKY

GOOD WISHES

NORTHERN PREMIER'S MESSAGE

BELFAST, Monday.

Viscount Craigavon, Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, states:—I greatly appreciate the privilege once again afforded me through the courtesy of your columns of sending cordial greetings to Ulster people and friends at home and abroad. The advent of Christmas heralds a time when old and young and rich and poor alike instinctively lay aside whatever burdens and anxieties may afflict them to enjoy the festivities of the season, and then, on the threshold of a new year, to face with hope refreshed and enthusiasm renewed, whatever the future may hold in store.

Within the past twelve months we have patriotically shared in the Jubilee rejoicings of our King and Queen; we have bowed in sorrow over the last resting place of our departed leader, and, between these extremes, have experienced many ups and downs and shared with the rest of the United Kingdom a period of considerable interest and material advancement.

Now, 1936, with all its wonderful possibilities, lies very near to hand, I sincerely trust that throughout its passage peace and goodwill may prevail, and that our work together in loyal co-operation for the general benefit of the province may be abundantly rewarded.

My wife and I join in wishing one and all a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Stormont Castle, Ulster, Christmas, 1935.

IRISH WILLS

Miss Teresa Waters, of 38 Wellington road, Dublin, who died on September 28 last, left personal estate in England and the Free State valued at £16,446.

Mr. John Skinner, of 26 Cranmore avenue, Belfast, who died on October 24th last, left personal estate in England and Northern Ireland valued at £2,038.

Mr. Harry Trevor Pemberton, of Summerville, York road, Kingstown, who died on February 3rd last left personal estate in England and the Free State valued at £1,903.

LAND SETTLEMENT PARTY

DURHAM MINERS GIVE CONCERT

Mr. Malcolm Stewart, Commissioner for the special areas in England and Wales, was the chief guest at a Christmas party of Durham miners settled on the land at Potton, Bedfordshire, under the Land Settlement Association scheme last night. Both he and Mrs. Stewart nursed the miners' children.

Concert items were given by the settlers and a recitation by Professor Scott Watson, a member of the committee.

Mr. Stewart said that he was pleased with the progress made at Potton not only in the cultivation of the soil, but with the much-improved condition of the men and women and the brightness of the children.

He inspected the special homesteads on the settlement estate.

William Whing, one of the settlers, said that they were determined to make a success of the scheme.

"DUBLIN'S OLDEST CHARITY"

Seldom before have so many applications for assistance been made to the Sick and Indigent Roomkeepers' Society as during the past month. For the past three weeks the visitors and staff have had little respite from their labours, and the result of their work is reflected in the vast number of cases investigated and assisted. Since the beginning of December temporary monetary aid was afforded to 1,103 deserving poor families, the amount so expended being £599. During the same period 1,023 bags of coal were also distributed.

Rendering as it does such an essential public service, "Dublin's Oldest Charity" is eminently worthy of every possible support. Contributions will be gratefully received and acknowledged by the Secretary, 2 Palace street, Dublin.

COMMUNION TABLE MEMORIAL

A Communion table in memory of the late Canon Robert Walker, LL.D., was dedicated in the Luther Parish Church, Whiterock, Belfast, at the Evening Service on Sunday by the Rev. Dr. R. S. Breene, Rural Dean of North Belfast. There was a large congregation, among whom were Mrs. and Miss Walker. Special hymns were rendered. Mr. H. White presiding at the organ.

The table, which is of Celtic design, ornamented with Celtic tracery, is inscribed: "In memory of Canon Robert Walker, LL.D., Rector of Shankill Parish, Belfast, 1916-1932. Erected by his Whiterock parishioners."

The Service was conducted by the Rev. J. R. McDonald.

COMPULSORY IRISH

REPLY TO RECENT CRITICISM

Replying to recent criticisms of the compulsory Irish policy, the Very Rev. Patrick Kerr, B.D., C.L., President of St. Eunan's College, at the annual reunion of past pupils, said that criticism was inspired by prejudice, conscious or unconscious, against the Irish revival. It was his conviction that teaching through the medium of Irish, so far from making the imparting of education less effective, was an important and helpful factor in mind formation when teachers and pupils were earnest. Teachers found difficulty in teaching through Irish because they lacked experience of the language. He had been reared in a home where Irish was the only spoken language, and had to acquire knowledge through a language medium that was utterly foreign to him. During the last century English was forced upon people in Irish-speaking districts, and no kid-glove methods were used.

"I think it is very unfair that there should be such an outcry against a native Government that is endeavouring to restore the national language. I think this outcry against compulsory Irish is unreasonable in view of the policy the Government seeks to carry out. At one time I thought the pace was being forced too hard, but now I am inclined to agree with compulsion. If the pace is not forced some people will do nothing."

FUNERAL OF MR. ALFRED B. COYLE

The funeral of Mr. Alfred B. Coyle, aged 62 years, of 33 Finglas road, Dublin, who died at his residence on Sunday after a brief illness, took place yesterday after Requiem Mass in the Church of St. Francis Xavier, Gardiner street, Dublin. Educated at Belvedere College, he soon afterwards entered the service of the Patriotic Insurance Company of Ireland, and at the time of his death was one of the directors of Messrs. Coyle and Co., insurance brokers, Anglesea street, Dublin, and a prominent and popular figure in the Irish insurance world. He was the third son of the late Mr Charles Coyle, who was well known as Secretary of the Dublin Cemeteries Committee. Mr. Coyle took a wide interest in sport. He was a man of generous and unassuming disposition, and enjoyed the esteem of a large circle of friends.

BRITISH CABINET MINISTER

VISIT TO THE NORTH

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

BELFAST, Monday.

On the invitation of Viscount Craigavon, Sir John Simon, Secretary of State for Home Affairs, has consented to be the guest of honour of the Ulster Unionist Council at their annual lunch on Friday, February 21. He will be the second British Cabinet Minister to visit Northern Ireland since the formation of the National Government, Major the Right Hon. George Tryon, Postmaster-General, being the first. Owing to pressure of business, he will not be able to undertake any other engagements during his visit. He is anxious that his time should be occupied in studying Northern affairs on the spot and to familiarising himself at first hand with those problems affecting the province with which he as Home Secretary will be closely associated during his term of office.

FINE GAEL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual children's party, held on Sunday under the auspices of the Southern Division League of Youth, in St. Patrick's Hall, Merrion square, Dublin, was a huge success. Over four hundred children attended. Miss Faulkner, and the women Blue Shirts under her control, had a very busy time catering for the happy party.

When tea was served, Miss Golding, as Santa Claus, upheld the generous reputation of this jovial old gentleman by distributing gifts of toys and sweets amongst the children.

The Ranelagh Melody Band contributed an excellent programme, which was specially arranged for the occasion. Miss Pike's troupe of children gave a charming exhibition of Irish step-dancing, and the sketch, entitled "Milo," by Messrs. McGarry and Slevin, caused screams of laughter.

Those present included Commandant and Mrs. Cronin, Senator Blythe, Deputies P. S. Doyle, W. Beckett and Sir Osmond Grattan Esmonde.

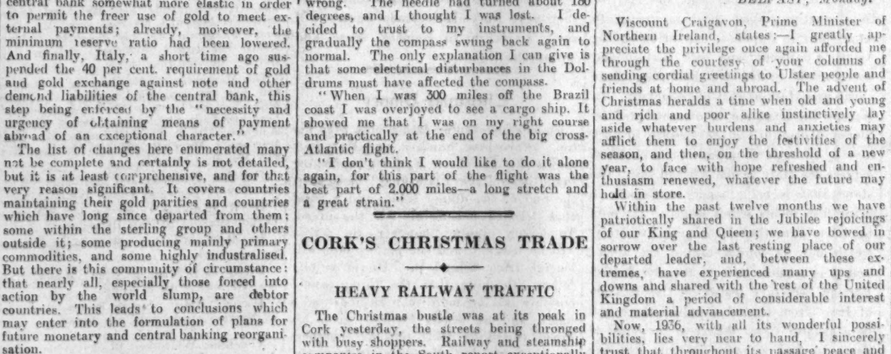
The Divisional Director and Mr. T. Sully, Divisional Secretary, also attended.

HUSBAND AND WIFE DIE WITHIN HOUR

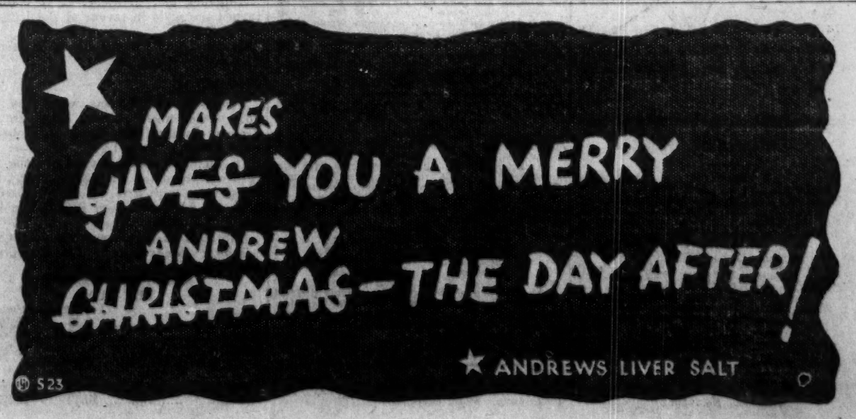
A husband and wife died within an hour of each other at Llanelly yesterday. They were John Hughes (aged 67), retired tin-plate worker, and Sarah Ann Hughes, who was a year younger. A son discovered the man suffering apparently from a seizure.

Hughes died shortly afterwards, and Mrs. Hughes, who was suffering from shock died in less than an hour. Both had previously enjoyed excellent health.

CITIES CROSS SWORDS



Mr. T. F. Cross, of Cork (Left), and Mr. W. F. O'Brien, Dublin, taking part in one of the sabre contests during Saturday night's fencing match between Cork and Dublin teams, at Lord Iveagh's covered courts, Earlsfort terrace, Dublin.



PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

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METROPOLE.
CONTINUOUS ..... 2 TO 11.0 P.M
JANET GAYNOR and WARNER BAXTER, in
"ONE MORE SPRING."
DAILY AT 2.15, 4.40, 7.5 and 9.30 p.m.
CHRISTMAS DAY THEATRE CLOSED.
ST. STEPHEN'S DAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY, CONTINUOUS PERFORMANCE 12.30 to 11.0 p.m.

METROPOLE FUNCTIONS.
CHRISTMAS EVE DANCE,
8 to 12 o'clock. Tickets 5/-.
SOUVENIR will be PRESENTED TO EACH LADY.
ST. STEPHEN'S NIGHT,
DECEMBER 26th.
MONKSTOWN R.F.C. DANCE. 9 to 3.
Tickets 7/6, including Tax.
NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE,
9 to 3 o'clock. Tickets 10/-.
Including Supper and Running Buffet.
SOUVENIR will be PRESENTED TO EACH LADY.
Tickets procurable at Metropole, when table reservation can be made.

MONKSTOWN R.F. CLUB.
ANNUAL DANCE,
METROPOLE BALLROOM,
ST. STEPHEN'S NIGHT
(26th DECEMBER).
DANCING, 9 p.m. to 3 a.m.
TICKETS, 7/6 (including Tax)

METROPOLE BALLROOM DANCE,
SATURDAY NEXT, 28th DEC.,
8 TO 12 O'C.
Tickets, including Running Buffet, 5/-.
EVENING DRESS.

GATE. 'PHONE 44045. THURSDAY AT 7.45.
"ROMEO AND JULIET."
MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2.30.

TORCH (CAPEL ST.) NIGHTLY AT 7.45.
Commencing DEC. 26th: Grand Xmas Pantomime:
"IRELAND'S OWN."
Usual Prices. Now Booking. 'Phone 22770.

GRAND CENTRAL.
FAY WRAY and VICTOR JORY, in
"MILLS OF THE GODS."
A PICTURE VIBRATING WITH THE DRAMA OF MODERN INDUSTRIAL STRIFE.
CONTINUOUS PERFORMANCE FROM 12 NOON
ST. STEPHEN'S DAY.

CORINTHIAN.
CONTINUOUS ..... 2.30 TILL 11.0 P.M
Lyle Talbot, Valerie Hobson, Hugh O'Connell, in
"CHINATOWN SQUAD."
Also "THE THROWBACK," with Buck Jones.

THEATRE DE LUXE.
Dublin's Super Cinema. 3 to 11. CAMDEN ST.
WILL ROGERS in "DOUBTING THOMAS."
JOHN BOLES in "MUSIC IN THE AIR."
THURSDAY (ST. STEPHEN'S DAY), From 12.30 p.m.
LADIES CRAVE EXCITEMENT.
NORMAN FOSTER, EVELYN KNAPP.
Also HOOT GIBSON in "RAINBOW'S END."

THE QUEEN'S 3 TO 11 DAILY
ST. STEPHEN'S DAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY, 11.15 ..... CONTINUOUS 11
THE GRAND XMAS PANTOMIME:
"ALADDIN,"
WITH HUGE CAST OF ALL STAR ARTISTES.
On the Screen—SHIRLEY TEMPLE in
"THE LITTLE COLONEL."
THE QUEEN'S FOURTH CINE-PANTO.

ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS.
HALF-PRICE,
WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY.
SPECIAL TEAS.

WARD UNION HUNT BALL
WILL BE HELD AT
THE GRESHAM HOTEL, DUBLIN
On FRIDAY, 27th DECEMBER, 1935.
TICKETS, 30/- EACH
(Including Champagne Supper and Tax), may be obtained from Miss N. Moore, Ashton, Castleknock, or S. H. Lynch, 6 Scaview terrace, Donnybrook, Hon. Secretaries.

IRISH AERO CLUB.
ANNUAL DANCE
WIL BE HELD IN THE
GRESHAM HOTEL,
ON
TUESDAY, 14th JANUARY, 1936,
9 p.m. TILL 2 a.m.
Ticket, payable at door (including tax). 5/-.

THEATRE ROYAL
DAILY ... At 2.30 and 8.15.
DUBLIN'S GREATEST CHRISTMAS ATTRACTION.
HARRY WELCHMAN
as "Captain Hook" in
"PETER PAN,"
By SIR JAMES BARRIE.
With
ENA MOON as "Peter Pan,"
DINAH SHERIDAN as "Wendy,"
BOOK NOW!
Booking Office Open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Daily.
PRICES:
Royal Circle ..... 3/- Grand Circle 2/-
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Stalls .... 2/- Upper Circle 1/-
CHILDREN HALF-PRICE TO MATINEES.
No Booking by Telephone.
Next Week: "PETER PAN." Matinees Only.
CONTINUOUS CINE-VARIETY from 6 p.m.

REGAL ROOMS RESTAURANT,
The Rendezvous for Holiday Time.
ST. STEPHEN'S DAY.
Please Note:
The Restaurant will be Closed from 4 p.m. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NEXT.
After "Peter Pan" Matinee.
CHILDREN'S GALA CHRISTMAS PARTIES.
Also from Jan. 1 to Jan. 4 (inclusive).
Tickets, 2/- each (inc. Tea). BOOK NOW!

STEPHEN'S GREEN CINEMA.
DAILY 2 O'C. TO 11 O.C. CONTINUOUS.
TULLIO CARMINATI, MARY ELLIS, In
"PARIS LOVE SONG."
Showing at 2.53, 5.8, 7.23, 9.38
Also—JACK DOYLE in "EXCUSE MY GLOVE."

COMMENCING
ST. STEPHEN'S DAY.
12 O'C. TO 11 O.C. CONTINUOUS.
Doors Open 11.30.
THE FINEST DOUBLE FEATURE PROGRAMME DUBLIN HAS YET SEEN.
BING CROSBY
In
"TWO FOR TO-NIGHT."
Also—
BURNS and ALLEN
In
"THE PLOT THICKENS."
BOOK NOW FOR SUNDAY NIGHT.
Booking Office Open Daily, 2-9.30.

GRAFTON Continuous from 2 to 11. Daily at 2.35, 4.45, 7.10, 9.30
RICHARD TAUBER,
IN HIS GREATEST TRIUMPH,
"HEART'S DESIRE."
With
LEONORA CORBETT, GEORGE GRAVES, DIANA NAPIER.

ABERDEEN HALL, GRESHAM HOTEL.
SUPPER DANCE, 8 to 12.
TO-NIGHT,
24th DECEMBER
Supper and Dance, 8/6.
ST. STEPHEN'S NIGHT,
THURSDAY, 26th
SUPPER DANCE, 9 to 2 a.m.
Supper and Dance, 8/6.
FRIDAY, 27th.
WARD HUNT BALL,
9.30 to 3.30 a.m.
SUPPER DANCE, 8 to 12.
SATURDAY NEXT, 28th DEC.
Supper and Dance, 8/6.
NEW YEAR'S EVE,
TUESDAY, 31st.
GALA SUPPER DANCE,
9 TO 3.30 A.M.
Supper and Dance, 10/6.
GRESHAM DANCE ORCHESTRA
Directed by ALEX. CAULFIELD.
Christmas Day Dinner as usual, 6.30 to 9.30 p.m
THE GRESHAM TRIO (ORCHESTRA) DURING DINNER.
Wines must be ordered at least 24 hours in advance.

LEOPARDSTOWN RACES, THURSDAY NEXT & SATURDAY NEXT, DECEMBER 26th & 28th.
STEEPLECHASE, HURDLE AND FLAT RACES.
FIRST RACE (FIRST DAY) ..... 1.15 P.M.
FIRST RACE (SECOND DAY) ..... 1.25 P.M.
ADMISSION CHARGES.
COURSE 1/-
Members' Enclosure ...Gentlemen 15/-, Ladies 5/-
GRAND STAND .....Gentlemen 9/-, Ladies 5/-
TRANSFER BADGES from Grand Stand to Members' Enclosure ... Gentlemen 6/-
PUBLIC STAND 2/-
RACE CARDS 6d. EACH
TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS—Trains from Harcourt street to Foxrock on December 26th at 12.10, 12.20, 12.30 and 12.40 p.m. Trains leave on December 28th at 12.20, 12.30, 12.40 and 1.0 p.m. Carriages will be Reserved for Members on the 12.10 p.m. train first day, and 12.20 p.m. second day.
Return Fares ....First Class 1/-, Third Class 7d.
BUS SERVICE (Saloon Coaches).
FROM BURGH QUAY—From 11.30 a.m. each day; FROM DUN LAOGHAIRE STATION—From 12.15 p.m. each day.

SAVOY.
LAST DAY OF THE SPLENDID DOUBLE FEATURE!
"CARNIVAL NIGHTS."
With "SCHNOZZLE" DURANTE.
Showing at 3.45, 6.40, 9.30.
Also—
"SEQUOIA."
THE YEAR'S MOST AMAZING PICTURE!
Showing at 2.20, 5.15, 8.5.
ST. STEPHEN'S DAY.
CONTINUOUS FROM NOON TO 11 P.M.
Doors Open 11.45 a.m.
The First Feature Length Screen Pantomime,
"BABES IN TOYLAND,"
With
LAUREL AND HARDY.
Gorgeous Entertainment for Children from 7 to 70!
Showing at 12.40, 2.55, 5.10, 7.25, 9.40.
Also—CHARLEY CHASE in "O.K. TOOTS," and Coloured Silly Symphony, "ROBBER KITTEN."
PHILIP DORE AT THE ORGAN.
To make it a "Perfect Day" Visit
THE SAVOY RESTAURANT.

CAPITOL.
DAILY ..... 2 o'c. to 11 o'c. ..... CONTINUOUS.
CLAUDETTE COLBERT,
CHARLES BOYER, JOEL McCREA, in
"PRIVATE WORLDS."
Showing at 3.24, 5.32, 7.40, 9.48.
FRIDAY NEXT: LIAM O'FLAHERTY'S
"THE INFORMER."

PAVILION DUN LAOGHAIRE. 3.30 to 10.30
LAST DAY OF "JENNY LIND."
HEAR GRACE MOORE
Again in her First Great Screen Triumph.
At 4.5, 6.35 and 9.5. Comedy, "Secrets of Life." "SANTA CLAUS WORKSHOP," ETC.
Thurs.: St. Stephen's Day—Doors Open 2 o'c.

GRAND HOTEL GREYSTONES
FANCY DRESS DANCE,
THURSDAY, the 26th DECEMBER.
DANCING ..... 9.30 p.m. to 3 a.m.
Admission ..... 4/6 (including tax).

NEW PREPARATORY SCHOOL AT PORTORA.
The new school, a building of distinction, soon to be ready for occupation, stands on a charming sunny S.W. slope, and shares all the advantages of the 70 acres of farm, garden and athletic grounds enjoyed by the Senior School. It has electric light central heating, and h. and c. water throughout.
House Master—Mr. A. W. Barnes, M.A. (Cantab, late of Bromsgrove School).
Lady Superintendent—Mrs. Barnes.
Accommodation limited to 30 Boarders, ages 8-13.
Fees INCLUSIVE (no extras, except music). Special reduction for sons of Clergy.
For particulars apply to the HEADMASTER, Portora, Enniskillen.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.
CHRISTMAS EVE.
CAROL SERVICE TO-DAY AT 3. P.M.
CHRISTMAS DAY.
Preacher at 11 a.m.
THE ARCHBISHOP OF DUBLIN.
FESTAL EVENSONG AT 3.30 O'CLOCK.
ST. STEPHEN'S DAY.
CATHEDRAL OPEN TO PUBLIC from 11.45 a.m.
Lecture at 12 noon on "Christ Church: The Story of the Fabric."
BY THE PRECENTOR.
Collection for Special Repairs Fund.
Admission by Ticket Only.

TO-DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS

AMUSEMENTS.

Gaiety Theatre—Closed; re-opening Thursday next with Pantomime, "Cinderella."
Olympia Theatre—"Jack and the Beanstalk."
Abbey Theatre—"The Critic."
Metropole Cinema—"One More Spring."
Gate Theatre.—St. Stephen's Day—"Romeo and Juliet."
Torch Theatre—St. Stephen's Day — "Ireland's Own."
Grand Central Cinema—"Mills of the Gods."
Corinthian Cinema — "Chinatown Squad" and "The Throwback."
Theatre de Luxe—"Doubting Thomas" and "Music in the Air." St. Stephen's Day—"Ladies Crave Excitement" and "Rainbow's End."
Queen's Theatre — "Aladdin" and "The Little Colonel."
Grafton Cinema—"Heart's Desire."
Aberdeen Hall, Gresham Hotel—Supper Dances to-night, 8 to 12; St. Stephen's Night, 9 to 2 a.m.
Capitol Cinema—"Private Worlds."
Pavilion Cinema, Dun Laoghaire—"Jenny Lind."
Stephen's Green Cinema—"Paris Love Song" and "Excuse My Glove." St. Stephen's Night—"Two for To-Night" and "The Plot Thickens."
Theatre Royal—"Peter Pan," 2.30 p.m. and 8.15 p.m.
Savoy Cinema — "Carnival Nights" and "Sequoia." St. Stephen's Day—"Babes in Toyland."

The Irish Times.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1935.

NEWS SUMMARY

IRELAND

It was officially announced in Dublin last night that, in view of general peaceful conditions in the Free State, the Executive Council have decided to release certain prisoners detained at Arbour Hill. Thirty-five prisoners were released yesterday.—(Page 7.)

The Free State Trade Statistics to November of this year show a reduction of over £3,000,000 in the adverse trade balance as compared with the previous year. The industrial policy of the country is reflected in the incidence of industrial exports and imports and trade with countries other than Great Britain.—(Page 8.)

While not conceding the demands of the Postal Workers' Union, the Secretary of the Post Office, Mr. P. S. O'Hegarty, announces increased pay for workers in nearly all grades.—(Page 7.)

GREAT BRITAIN

Mr. Anthony Eden, the new Foreign Secretary, had an audience with the K. yesterday. Mr. Eden's appointment had, generally, a good world Press. Germany sees war clouds.—(Page 7.)

Three men were drowned while taking part in a skating carnival on Loch Leven last night.—(Page 7.)

Miss Jean Batten, the young New Zealand flying girl, arrived back in England yesterday after her world's record flight across the South Atlantic.—(Page 5.)

ABROAD

News of a battle on the Northern Abyssinian front, in which the Italians claim a victory, was received yesterday. Aeroplanes and artillery, it is claimed, turned the scale in favour of the Italians. (Page 7.)

Quetta is to be rebuilt at a cost of £6,000,000.—(Page 8.)

FINANCIAL

London Stock Markets were quiet and dull. Gilt-edged Stocks lost ground. Among Industrials, Imperial Tobaccos were strong.—(Page 12.)

In Lombard street loans into the new year were made at 1 to 1½ per cent. Discount rates were firm. Gold was fixed at 141s. 1d. per ounce, and £352,000 in bars was sold.—(Page 12.)

Dublin Market was uncertain. All Great Southern issues except the Debentures were weak.—(Page 12.)

THE SUN.

	To-day.	To-morrow.
Rises	8.39	8.39
Sets	4. 9	4. 9
Lighting-up Time	4.39	4.39

HIGH WATER AT DUBLIN.

Morning	10.16	10.58
Evening	10.42	11.23

EVENTS IN IRELAND are fully summarised in the "WEEKLY IRISH TIMES," with Illustrations. Price Twopence.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.
DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS ACTS, 1898 to 1925.
ELECTION OF ELECTIVE MEMBERS.

The Dublin Port and Docks Board hereby give Notice:—
1.—That an Election of FOUR TRADERS' MEMBERS and FOUR SHIPPING MEMBERS OF THE DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS BOARD will be held between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on TUESDAY, the 7th day of JANUARY, 1936, at the PORT AND DOCKS OFFICES, 20 WESTMORELAND STREET, DUBLIN.
2.—Each Candidate must be nominated by writing, subscribed by two Electors as Proposer and Seconder, and the Nomination Paper must be duly signed by the Candidate or some person duly authorised by him in writing for such purpose as consenting to such Nomination.
3.—The Nomination Paper must state the surname and other names of the Candidate with his abode or place of business and description, and must specify whether the Candidate is proposed as a "TRADERS' MEMBER" or as a "SHIPPING MEMBER," and the Nomination Paper may be in the following form or to the like effect:—
NOMINATION PAPER—DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS ACTS, 1898 to 1925.
ELECTION OF ELECTIVE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
To be held on TUESDAY, the 7th day of JANUARY, 1936.

We, the undersigned, being respectively Electors, hereby Nominate the following person as a Candidate:—

Surname	Other names.	Abode or place of Business	Description
Smith.	William Henry.	100 City Quay.	Timber Merchant.

The above-named William Henry Smith is proposed as a* Member.
*State whether Traders' Member or Shipping Member.

Signature.	Number on Register of Electors.
Thomas Jones	360
James Robinson.	780

I, the above-named, William Henry Smith, hereby consent to my being Nominated as a Candidate at the said Election.
Dated this day of 19
Signed WILLIAM HENRY SMITH.
Signature of Candidate or person duly authorised to sign the Nomination Paper on his behalf.
4.—Each Candidate must be nominated by a separate Nomination Paper, but the same Electors may subscribe as many Nomination Papers as there are vacancies to be filled, but no more.
5.—Nomination Papers must be delivered by the Candidate himself, or by his Proposer and Seconder, to the Secretary of the Board, or to some person authorised to receive the same at the Office of the Dublin Port and Docks Board, before FOUR o'clock in the afternoon of SATURDAY, the 28th day of DECEMBER, 1935.
6.—The Returning Officers will attend at the Office of the DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS BOARD on Monday, the 30th day of December, 1935, for a sufficient time between the hours of two and four o'clock in the afternoon, to hear and decide objections to Nomination Papers.
7.—Forms of Nomination Papers may be obtained at the Office of the Secretary of the Board.
E. H. BAILEY, Secretary.
Port and Docks Office, Dublin.
Dated this 19th day of December, 1935.

THE DUBLIN SAVINGS BANK.
LOWER ABBEY STREET.
(ESTABLISHED 1816.)
Certified under the 26th and 27th Vic., Cap. 87, 21st November, 1935.
In conformity with the Act 26th and 27th Victoria, Cap. 87, Sec. 6, the Trustees and Managers of this Bank hereby require the Depositors to produce their Pass Books for Examination by the Auditor, James A. Kinnear, F.S.A.A., on any of the following days:—
Friday, 27th December, 1935.
Saturday, 28th December, 1935.
Monday, 30th December, 1935.
Tuesday, 31st December, 1935.
Thursday, 2nd January, 1936.
From 3 p.m. till 5 p.m.
The attention of Depositors is specially directed to the duty of producing their Books for Examination at the Bank each year, as required by Rule 26, sec. 7, for the purpose of testing the correctness of their accounts.
By Order of the Board,
WALTER E. ROGERS, Actuary.

Christmas

After a year of bitter disappointments and anxieties Christmas comes once more as a time of blessed relief. The last twelve months have been full of gloom. Seventeen years after the signing of the Armistice on the Western front a bewildered world is striving desperately to avert another calamity, and the season of peace and good-will must seem in the circumstances to be little more than a mockery. Where is peace to be found in the world to-day? During the last year a great nation, one of the standard-bearers of culture throughout the ages, has given a rude shock to those who believed fondly that the days of naked force were over. Led by a man who knows no law save his own caprice, the Italian people have gone to war, wilfully and shamelessly, against a little State, peopled by half-civilised tribes, whose only crime is the fact that they inhabit a country which is coveted by Signor Mussolini. All the most modern instruments of destruction are being employed by a nation which, in a sense, is the cradle of Christianity, against another people that has maintained the fundamental beliefs of the Christian faith through long centuries of external aggression. There is something sadly ironical in the thought of this senseless conflict; for, just as the Abyssinians, in their own crude way, will celebrate to-morrow the birth of the Prince of Peace, every village in Italy to-night will have its candle-lit windows, and hundreds of thousands of bells will herald the dawn of another Christmas. What has the God-fearing peasant of Lombardy or Piedmont to fear from the primitive natives of Tigre or the Ogaden? Yet two hundred thousand young Italians have been sent to North-East Africa to bring death and desolation to the pitiful little homes of these simple folk. Italy is primarily to blame for this dreadful condition of affairs; but the other nations of Europe also must take a share of the responsibility. If there had been a really strong public opinion against war in any shape or form, there would have been no war. Even Signor Mussolini would not have dared to fly in the face of a united world; but unhappily the world is not united. Jealousy and fear continue to govern the relations between man and man.

The prospect, as one surveys the world on this Christmas Eve, is truly appalling. Those ideals of peace and disarmament which were kept alive with such difficulty during the post-war years have been vanquished finally by the cynical realism of men such as Benito Mussolini and Adolf Hitler. Germany killed disarmament in a single night, when her leaders announced that conscription was being re-introduced, that a powerful Air Force was being organised, and that the German Navy once more was about to become a weapon of Teuton policy. From that moment onward all hopes of disarmament simply vanished. France and the other Powers that never had trusted the Germans merely shrugged their shoulders and said, "I told you so," while they increased their own armaments and prepared their young men for the ultimate slaughter. Britain tried for a time to persuade herself that disarmament still was possible; but eventually even she was forced to change her whole policy and to join the rest in the mad scramble for armed supremacy. Who can doubt to-day that another world war is becoming inevitable? In the Far East Japan is so strong that nobody dares to protest against her wholesale annexations of Chinese territory. Russia is arming herself to the teeth so that she may be in a position, when the time comes, to set a limit to Japanese expansion on the Asiatic Continent, and both Britain and the United States are hastening their naval preparations east of Singapore. In Europe the situation is overshadowed by Signor Mussolini's brutal resolve to hack his way through all opposition in search of a place for Italy in the African sun. The stand that is being made at Geneva to bring him to his senses seems so far only to have exacerbated opinion in Italy, which now is solidly behind the *Duce*; and it is possible that, if the new British Foreign Secretary insists on the isolation of Italy from her oil supplies, there will be a general war. Where is the child of peace to find a haven in this whirling chaos of world unrest? One looks almost in vain through the darkness for a ray of hope.

Yet, despite all the turmoil of the times, the rancour, the suspicion, and the hatred, we who live in this small island have much for which to be thankful. We are outside the main current of world affairs, and, although we hardly could hope to escape the consequences of a general upheaval, we are in a position at the moment, as it were, to view the situation from a distance. Ireland is blessed by nature above most other lands. While millions of persons in Central Europe are hungry, lacking clothes and shelter, the people of this country, on the whole, are well fed, they live in reasonable comfort, and, above all, they are free from the threat of invasion or war. Are our people sufficiently grateful for the privileges which they enjoy? Ought they not to rejoice that they are so much better off than most other peoples, and to live their lives in peace and happiness, striving to set a headline to the warring world? Unfortunately, another Christmas finds the Irish people divided more sharply than ever they were, with an artificial barrier thrown across their land, splitting them into two groups which have virtually no points of contact one with the other. In the Free State the Government continues to treat our neighbours not only as foreigners, but as enemy aliens, and the hopes of an Anglo-Irish settlement that were so high a year ago, when the coal-cattle pact was signed, have faded again into thin air. During the next few days, while men and women are celebrating the recurrent mystery of Christmas according to their several ways, they will have an opportunity to take quiet stock of the situation as it affects Ireland at the moment. Can there be any excuse for bitterness or spleen between the people of this country and those of the neighbouring island? Can there, above all else, be any excuse for the relations that exist between the two sections of our nation? Look around the world and think of the misery that has been created almost everywhere by greed, by hatred, and by the lack of Christian charity. Ireland has a wonderful chance to found a national polity on Christian principles, and thus to set a shining example to mankind; but outward piety is of no avail if the spirit of Christ is lacking. Is it too much to hope during these Christmas hours that His spirit may bring to our wayward people that peace which they need so sorely?

Index of Trade

The latest returns of Free State trade represent a gratifying change. During the twelve months which ended in November last the total volume of commerce remained much as it had been in the previous twelve months, but the adverse balance dropped by something over three million pounds. We confess ourselves at a loss to determine exactly what difference is made in the meaning of the trade figures by the new basis of calculation, which reckons imports according to "country of origin," instead of "country of consignment." Yet, unless we are mistaken, the change cannot affect the total volume of imports, and may be left out of consideration. Where it does make a difference is when one attempts, from the figures, to estimate the progress of the economic war between the Free State and Great Britain. Casually read, the returns indicate that in the eight months, April-November, 1935, the Free State's imports from Great Britain declined by nearly three million pounds, as compared with those for the corresponding months of 1934. In like manner, her imports from Northern Ireland fell by almost a million pounds, whereas her imports from "other countries" rose by more than two millions. Unfortunately, as the very capable Statistics Branch of the Department of Industry and Commerce reminds us, the comparison cannot be made. If, for example, a German camera works is, and has been, accustomed to supply the Free State through its branch offices in London, the Free State's imports of its cameras are now put down to the credit of Germany, whereas, under the old system of reckoning, they were regarded as imports from Great Britain. To say that imports from Britain have sunk by three million pounds may mean only that for years past they have seemed to be three million pounds greater than, in fact, they were. The fact remains, however, that, on any basis of calculation, the adverse balance has fallen; and we must be thankful for it. We should be more thankful if the fall were accompanied by a definite rise in the total volume of trade—in other words, by a resumption of normal trading relations with our neighbours. Unless the change in the presenting of the figures makes a very substantial difference, it must be a fact that the Free State virtually has ceased to do any business with Northern Ireland, and this divergence must do appalling harm to our country. It is only a little less ominous that purchases from Great Britain are falling. We have no desire that the Free State either should "win" or should "lose" the economic war. Whatever its issue may be, relations between the two countries are bound to suffer by a prolonged decline in trade, and the result cannot fail to injure the *Saorstát's* finances for many long years. May we not dare to hope that next November's trade figures will show a return to common sense and normal dealings?

Christmas Dinner

To-morrow evening father goes over the top. For three hundred and sixty-four nights he has been a quiet, splashing sound behind the "late final" hoisted at the end of the dinner table, and a hand that reached uncertainly for the bread. To-morrow evening, however, the screen will be lowered, and the perfect host will emerge from behind it. He is a jolly fellow (thinking that the thing cannot possibly last for more than an hour and a half), and he beams lovingly upon his brood (disliking their obvious eagerness for his first slip). He begins to carve the turkey, and for eighteen minutes dissects it like a surgeon. A neat heap of wafer-thin meat is the evidence of his skill. Then it is pointed out to him fairly loudly that this is a meal, not a course in anatomy. The criticism unsteadies him, and very shortly he is bleeding from a severe wound in the thumb, gravy is being scraped from the faces of one or two guests, a number of crackers too near the front line have been drawn into the struggle, and, badly slashed, stick to the turkey's exterior; and father, with long, raking strokes, fights his way through a leg joint. They get the knife from him somehow, and mother gathers the *débris* into edible piles. It is eaten with rather strained gaiety, and this tension has so worked upon the feelings of the party that somebody giggles hysterically as father pours the brandy for the plum pudding into a spoon, and finds that he cannot open the matchbox with one hand. If one little thing were needed to inflame father's temper to an ungovernable pitch this is it. He overfills the spoon on the third attempt, and holds nine bunched matches beneath it. There is a sheet of flame, and burning brandy drips painfully upon father's trousers. There is an unpleasant scene, during which one child puts the blackened and white-hot spoon in its mouth; and the plum pudding is eaten unadorned with flame. The cracker stage is reached, and by now troubles seem to have vanished. One cracker fails to explode, and father is asked to pull the cracking strip. He does so, and gunpowder flies into his eye. In his agonies he forces his hand into the crystallised fruits; and another Christmas dinner is over.

The Last Minute

Is it possible to change the human instinct to leave everything until the last moment? This year, as for many years past, the shops have besought their customers to "buy early." The Post Office has urged the people, with almost frantic protestations, to "post early." Yet to-day the shopping streets of Dublin will be crammed to suffocation by clamorous hosts of citizens who have left their Christmas purchases to the last possible moment; and a few days after the great day we shall be told that the last-minute rush compelled the Post Office to employ so many hundreds of temporary postmen, and that, even so, it was not possible to deliver all the parcels and all the letters in time. We sympathise very deeply with the shop assistants—to whom Christmas Eve infallibly must be the most awful day of the year—and with the Post Office; but we wonder if they are wasting their breath when they make the inevitable appeal. You can thrust out nature with a pitch-fork, but it will find its way back. Nothing short of a dictatorial government which will instruct the citizenry to make its purchases before the 15th December, and to have them posted before the 17th—a government that will be able to enforce its instruction—in our opinion, can alter the prevalent tardiness. People simply will not be hurried. They will wander about the streets, complaining that they have nothing in the world to do, at a time when they could be making arrangements for Christmas. Then, on Christmas Eve itself, they will struggle into town with all the speed that the Dublin United Tramways Company permits them; will jostle one another against crowded counters, and finally will struggle home again, tired and spiritless, and wholly unable to appreciate the joys of filling the traditional stocking. Reason dictates one course—but who is governed by reason at Christmas?

COURT AND PERSONAL

The King and Queen have been joined at Sandringham by the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester. On Sunday Their Majesties, accompanied by Princess Elizabeth, Princess Margaret and the Earl of Athlone, attended Morning Service in Sandringham Church, where the Rev. Arthur Fuller officiated and preached the sermon. The Princesses are busily engaged in despatching Christmas gifts to relatives and friends, and enclose their own special greetings with the presents.

The Marquess of Zetland has left London and joined the Marchioness of Zetland at Aske Hall, Yorkshire, where they will spend Christmas with their family. The Duke and Duchess of Hamilton and Brandon will spend Christmas at Ferne, their residence near Shaftesbury. The Marquess and Marchioness of Crewe will spend Christmas at Ascott, Leighton Buzzard, with Mrs. Leopold de Rothschild.

Sir Esmond Ovey, British Ambassador, and Mr. Clark Hall, President of the British Chamber of Commerce in Belgium, were received at Lacken Palace on Sunday by King Leopold of the Belgians, who accepted from them a model of the Ostend-Dover steamer, Prince Baudouin, as a gift from the young Duke of Brabant, after whom it was called. It is 35 inches long and perfect in every particular, is worked by electricity, and has a dedicatory tablet on the bridge.

Lord Trenchard, who travelled to Paris by aeroplane, was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the Paris Branch of the British Legion, which was attended by over three hundred members and guests. All present joined in singing the old marching songs, including "Tipperary" and "Land of Hope and Glory."

The Lord Chief Justice of England and Lady Hewart are staying at Totteridge for Christmas, but will leave on Friday for Switzerland. Sir John and Lady Milbanke will be the guests of the Earl of Dudley at Himley Hall for Christmas and new year. Lady Ludlow has arrived in Leicestershire to spend the holidays with Colonel Sir Harold and Lady Zia Wernher.

Sir George Noble has left for a long sea voyage. Sir Francis and Lady Dent have started for Australia and New Zealand, and will return in March via California and the Panama Canal. Sir Arthur and Lady Crosfield have left for a long trip abroad. Admiral Sir Reginald Hall left on Saturday on the s.s. Otranto for Australia, by which Lord and Lady Playfair also are travelling.

The Earl and Countess of Shaftesbury are entertaining a small family party at St. Giles's House, Wimborne. Sir John and Lady Bland-Sutton have arrived at Villa Vita, Kingsdown, from London. Lady Wharton and her son, Lord Wharton, have arrived at Halswell Park, Bridgewater, for Christmas.

The Earl and Countess of Meath, who were the guests last week of the Earl and Countess of Dunraven at Adare Manor, are entertaining a party at Killruddery, Bray, for Christmas. It will include their son, Lord Ardee, Lord Verulam and his two sons, Mr. Desmond Fitzgerald and his daughters. Lady Meath has issued invitations for an "At Home" on Saturday next.

The Marquess and Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava are spending Christmas at Clandeboye, County Down. Their guests include Lord and Lady Stanley of Alderley, Mrs. Lee Guinness, Mr. R. Shaw Kennedy, Mr. Hugh Macdonald, Mr. Ogilvie-Grant, Mr Paul Kerr and Mr. R. Chetwode.

The Hon. Somerset and Mrs. Maxwell are spending Christmas at Friny Hall, Norfolk.

Dr. R. Hamilton Taylor has left 119 Lower Baggot street until 30th December.

Dr. MacLaverty has left 80 Merrion square for one week.

Dr. G. T. O'Brien, 38 Upper Mount street, has left town until 31st inst.

Doctor Isabel Speedy-Bertin has left 72 Merrion square until 6th January.

The Blue, White and Black Persian cats of Newtown, Drogheda, wish all their friends and customers a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

All roads lead to Switzers to-day . . . Dublin's recognised shopping centre for "last-minute" Gifts. (Telephone 22271.) The premises will re-open on Friday morning, 27th December.

Holmes and Co., George's street—Last-minute purchases. 'Phone 51282. Delivery up to 6 p.m. Holidays—Closed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Margaret Watson's, 17a Dawson street, will be closed from 25th until 28th. Re-opening Monday, 30th. Sale commencing that day.

A Morgan Hat is the best Christmas Present.

Evening Shoes and Slippers are useful Christmas Gifts.—Stephens and Bourke, Ltd., 26 Stephen's Green, Dublin.

Royal Hibernian Hotel and Salthill Hotel now quoting special Winter Rates. Meals and Rooms interchangeable.

Special Jewellery Sale Bargains for Christmas.—Chancellor, 7 Grafton street.

Tanner and Shire closed from Wed., 25th inst., until Mon., 30th inst. Sale commencing Monday morning.

Apricot Taffetas Evening Gown, with nigger velvet belt and flowers, 4½ gns. Special value at Slyne's, Ltd., 71 Grafton street.

PASSENGERS BY ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.
Among the arrivals were:—Mr. J. Selford, Miss E. M. French, Mr. M. F. Coe, Captain and Mrs. J. F. Dunne, Miss McCartan Mooney, Miss Watt, Miss L. Brannigan, Major and Mrs. Rambaut, Miss G. M. Howard, Mr. J. H. Horgan, Miss Moppett, Miss Orgel, Mr. J. C. McClure, Mr. C. Newsom, Mr. and Miss McCarthy, G. King-Magee, Mr. T. Cleary, Mr. H. Cleary, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Pullen, Mr. J. Harris, Mr. Armstrong.
PASSENGERS BY B. AND I. LINE, VIA LIVERPOOL.
Among the departures were:—Major Sir Henry Trotton, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Mr. H. S. Watson, Mr. G. T. Shore, Mr. E. Horden, Dr. Ryan, Miss A. McDonnell, Mr. R. Phillipson, Mr. N. Meyers, Miss Young, Mr. R. Knight, Mr. Dempsey, Mr. M. E. Reid, Mr. J. P. Humes, Mr. E. J. Grimth, Captain Sheppard, Mr. G. W. Shannon, Mr. R. B. Eason, Mr. and Mrs. Baggot, Miss K. Ruth, Mr. Benson, Major Wilkins, Mrs. Wilkinson, Miss Onions, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Doolan, Miss Coleman,

FROST AND FOG IN IRELAND

RIVER BOYNE FROZEN OVER AT DROGHEDA

'BUS SERVICES SUSPENDED IN NORTH-WEST

MAN'S DEATH FROM COLD IN ENGLAND

IN addition to frost-bound streets yesterday, Dublin in the early hours of the day experienced one of the thickest fogs that it has known for some time. Fortunately it lifted before midday, to the relief of the thousands of shoppers and the heavy traffic in the principal streets.

The day remained cold, with the thermometer well below freezing point, but the city had more sunshine than for several days past, and there were no signs of any change in the weather.

Reports from all parts of the country speak of a continuance of the severe frost and dangerous roads. For the first time for sixty years the Boyne has been frozen at Drogheda.

In Great Britain yesterday traffic of all descriptions was delayed by fog and severe weather conditions. A man died from cold in Leeds, and three persons were drowned while skating on frozen ponds.

DUBLIN'S PARTICULAR PEASOUP

A most unpleasant and thick fog descended on Dublin yesterday. It made the morning's journeys of thousands of people dismal. In addition to the severe cold, the frozen and glass-like surfaces of the roadways, everybody suffered irritation at the eyes and nose from the smoke-laden mist.

The last trouble was, of course, "our own fault," as a Job's comforter reminded another citizen who wiped his stinging eyelids. Outside the city the fog was dense enough, but different. In Dublin the thick yellow colour and tang to the nostrils and irritation of the eyes were due to smoke of our own chimneys caught above and brought down by damp cold clouds that obliterated the sun.

THE SUN WINS

The temperature was not so low as it had been. At 8 a.m. yesterday one thermometer reading was 21.7, but at 9 a.m. the reading was 23.4 degrees. Warmer, but still nearly nine degrees below freezing point. At these hours the sun was struggling manfully with fog. By noon it had conquered, dissipated the mist to a great extent, and shone out as a pale electric-blue disc. It was then possible to see that many of our hardy young citizens were still going without their hats, though with overcoat collars turned up about mufflered necks and gloved hands buried in pockets.

Evidence was also revealed of energy on the part of the more youthful population. In many parts of the city and suburbs they had taken opportunity to industriously develop slides on inclined footpaths. Some of these dangerous tracks were made 15 and 20 feet long. They were viewed with horror by older pedestrians. Happily, the sunshine grew stronger, and, continuing its beneficent influence for about four good hours, melted the slides and softened the icy surfaces of the roadways. The temperature, in fact, rose ten degrees, and made shopping and business generally more agreeable.

CAREFUL DRIVING

Motorists on every side took the good advice offered by motoring authorities. Their prevalent attitude of caution functioned so well that no serious accidents were reported. They were careful of corners, and braking was resorted to only on sure ground and in the utmost need. Omnibus drivers had a trying time. More than one 'bus was seen to do a broadside skid on a sloping road, and also twenty and thirty yard straight ahead slides, in efforts to pull up with the brakes. During these days of hard frost the Dublin 'bus-drivers have been proved men of nerve and skill.

FROST EFFECTS IN THE HOUSE

After-effects of the freezing weather seem to have been more a cause of lamentation within the house than anything that occurred outside. This was due to the bursting of domestic water pipes, a danger which is said to have been forestalled in many houses by leaving taps running all night.

Mr. Moynihan, the City Engineer, entertains fears that indulgence in the latter practice, if the severe frost long continues, may result in a serious lowering of water storage in the reservoirs. Mr. Moynihan vouchsafed the information that the City Waterworks Department have a large staff of men making day and night visits from house to house testing for running taps. Where waste is discovered the water will be cut off and the utmost penalty pressed for in cases brought to the courts. Immediate and serious consequences from the bursting of indoor water pipes have been sustained by many people, as was witnessed by a large crowd on Sunday night in a city street, where a burst pipe in a tailor's shop sprayed water over a row of dummies gloriously attired in smartly-cut suits of day and evening wear until they were reduced to a sorry and sodden plight.

TRADES AFFECTED

However plumbers may profit by the frost, other trades have been severely hit. Bricklaying and concrete work was made impossible. Employments in which horses have to be used were greatly hampered in their work owing to the condition of the roads.

Inasmuch as few boats come into the port of Dublin on a Monday morning, the fog was not so serious an inconvenience to shipping as when such weather prevails on a Sunday morning. At Dun Laoghaire the mail boat arrived an hour late.

How long will the present weather continue? In the opinion of some rain may be expected. Sir John Moore, who is an ardent meteorologist, said yesterday morning that there was then no sign of a change in the weather. We were now in an area of equable atmospheric pressure.

An accident occurred at Fairview, Clontarf, yesterday, when a motor car skidded and came into collision with a tramcar. None of the passengers was injured, but both drivers were hurt. However, their injuries were slight, and after treatment at Jervis street Hospital they were discharged.

For the first time in sixty years the River Boyne is frozen at Drogheda, which is the tidal portion, only two miles from the sea. During a heavy frost some years ago the edges of the Boyne were frozen, but only the very oldest inhabitants remember the river being frozen before from bank to bank. Before noon the tide lowered, with the result that the ice caved in, and large sheets of it went floating down to the sea.

The Boyne Canal is frozen hard, as well as all the ornamental ponds, mill ponds, bogs and quarries round the town, and a great deal of skating is going on, especially on Beauleau Lake, in the grounds of Mr. Montgomery, near the town.

ROAD ACCIDENTS

A motor lorry owned by the Electricity Supply Board skidded on the hill at Floodhall, Thomastown, dashed into the wall, and was badly damaged. The driver of a Ford car from Co. Kerry, which was travelling close behind, applied the brakes suddenly, when the car skidded and overturned and was completely wrecked. The drivers in both cases escaped with slight injuries.

The Enniskillen Urban Council sent out its staff on Sunday morning to cover the streets with salt and sand. So treacherous was the state of the streets that people were afraid to venture out, and the attendance at the churches was very small. Accidents were numerous. Mrs. Neville, wife of the Enniskillen Postmaster, fell and fractured a wrist, and Mrs. McTeggart, Coleshill, Enniskillen, broke a rib.

George Downey, Derry road, Strabane, was removed to hospital with a fractured arm, caused by falling.

Seven persons were drowned in skating accidents yesterday. (See page 8.)

HEAVY FROST IN THE NORTH

'BUS SERVICES SUSPENDED

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

BELFAST, Monday.

The most severe frost for some years was experienced in Northern Ireland during the week-end. In the north-west district several 'bus services had to be suspended owing to the dangerous condition of the roads.

A number of accidents in Belfast kept the staffs in the various hospitals busy today. Dozens of people were admitted—the victims of falls in slippery streets. Plumbers in Belfast had a busy time this morning repairing broken water pipes caused by the frost.

The Great Northern Railway Derry to Belfast morning train was delayed by fog this morning. In Belfast, at about 10 o'clock, the fog became so thick that the progress of vehicular traffic was rendered difficult. Visibility was reduced to about twenty yards, and all the shops remained lighted by electricity until near noon.

GREAT FOG HOLD-UP IN BRITAIN

MAN DIES AFTER COLLAPSE FROM COLD

Fog and severe weather conditions prevailed over a large area of Great Britain yesterday. Road, rail and air traffic was delayed, and Christmas shopping was carried on under great difficulties. Skids on ice-bound roads caused many accidents. In Commercial street, Leeds, Albert Hewitt, aged 70, an old age pensioner, collapsed from the cold, and was found to be dead when taken to the Leeds General Infirmary.

During the fog at Keterring George Turner, a groom at a riding school, was thrown from a horse on Barton Hill, and was killed by an oncoming Glasgow to London lorry. He had been giving a riding lesson to Miss Ellen Horn, of Leinster Gardens, London.

Sledging down a side street in Leeds, Norman Culley, aged 12, of Bath road, Bramley, Leeds, was unable to arrest his progress on reaching the bottom at Stanninley road, and ran into a motor lorry, the back wheel of which passed over him, killing him instantly.

LONDON "BLACK-OUT"

WORST FOG FOR TEN YEARS

London had the worst fog for ten years. Fog blanketed half England in wide belts and stretched unbroken for 200 miles between Preston and London. Visibility varied from nil to not more than twenty-five yards. Conditions were made more dangerous by ice and snow on the roads, and crashes were frequent.

There was, however, a bright note in the latest Air Ministry forecast. "The fog will tend to clear," an official said. "It should be gone by the morning."

The forecast for to-day was a light or

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RIOTING IN VENEZUELA

FRIENDS OF DEAD DICTATOR SHOT

MARTIAL LAW PROCLAIMED

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

PORT OF SPAIN (TRINIDAD), Monday.

RIOTING, looting and incendiarism have broken out in Caracas, Venezuela, following the death of the late dictator, General Gomez, according to reports received here from Caracas.

A strict censorship has been imposed on broadcasting services in Venezuela, and news of the revolt comes from aeroplane passengers who have flown here from that country.

Martial law has been declared, and the provisional President, General Lopez Contreras, is using the military to quell the disturbances.

Homes of friends of the dead dictator have been burned and their occupants shot. Theatres which belonged to associates of General Gomez have been burned down, and a newspaper office was set on fire, according to the passengers, who also report that a number of officials who served under the Gomez administration are sheltering in jails from the vengeance of the crowds.

A revolutionary tide has gained strength in the country since the death of President Gomez. When he assumed temporary office President Contreras ordered a general amnesty for all political prisoners, and, in an endeavour to win public favour, initiated a series of important works designed to provide employment.

Dr. Milan Hodza, Prime Minister of Czechoslovakia, who has taken over the portfolio of Foreign Affairs, recently relinquished by Dr. Eduard Benes on his election to the Presidency.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL READERS.

HAND-TO-HAND FIGHTING

BATTLE IN THE TEMBIEN

BOY LEADS THE ABYSSINIANS

AEROPLANES AND ARTILLERY

PRESS ASSOCIATION WAR SPECIAL.

NEWS of another fierce battle on the Northern front, in which the Italians claim a victory, was received yesterday.

It was fought on Sunday in the Tembien, some thirty miles west of Makale, between 5,000 Abyssinians marching North and a mixed column of Italian and Eritrean troops.

Marshal Badoglio, in his communiqué, remarks that the enemy, "favoured by the nature of the ground, put up a resistance," and that "the action was sharply contested."

Christopher Holme, the Press Association's Special Correspondent with the Italian Northern armies, in his description of the battle, shows that aeroplanes and artillery turned the scale in favour of the Italians.

The Abyssinians were led by a twelve-year-old boy, Fitaurari, son of Dedjasmatch Ayelu, who led the Abyssinians at the battle of Dembeguina Pass a week ago.

SCENE OF FIGHT

FROM CHRISTOPHER HOLME, PRESS ASSOCIATION SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT WITH THE NORTHERN ARMY.

ASMARA, Monday.

A fierce engagement was fought yesterday in the Tembien between over 5,000 Ethiopian troops, and an Italian column of mixed white troops and Askaris. The

600 ETHIOPIANS KILLED

It is officially stated that more than 600 Ethiopians were killed and about 1,000 wounded in Sunday's battle in the Tembien region, says an Asmara telegram. The bombing planes apparently played a devastating part in the engagement. The Italian losses are officially said to be five officers killed and three officers and 100 Askaris wounded.

scene of the battle was near Enda Mariam Quarar, some 30 miles west of Makalerh.

After the parties had made contact the Ethiopians were joined by reinforcements and put up a strong resistance. The action continued with no side gaining the advantage until 1 p.m. on Sunday when the Ethiopians attempted to turn the Italian left flank.

COUNTER-ATTACK

An Italian counter-attack resulted in hand-to-hand combat with fixed bayonets against swords and rifle butts.

The Italian charge had been prepared with artillery fire from a mountain battery in the rear, and was supported by machine-gun fire and an aerial bombardment. In the end the Ethiopians were driven back into the Tanqua Valley. At 4 p.m., it is stated, the Ethiopians had taken to flight pursued by Askaris.

The Ethiopian casualties are thought to be considerable, though no exact figures are available. They are believed to have been Dedjasmatch Amare's troops reinforced by remnants of the Ethiopian forces defeated at Dembeguina Pass. They were commanded by Dedjasmatch Ayelu Burru's twelve-year-old son, Fitaurari. When the battle started they were in a strong position on the slopes of a mountain ridge below Enda Mariam Quarar, which is a collection of mud huts round a coptic church.

ARTILLERY

The Italian approach was over rough country, all of which is inaccessible. This was the first time that artillery had played more than a normal rôle on the Northern front.

Posted behind hillocks, they were able to lob shells on the Ethiopian position.

The Ethiopians commanded forty square miles of undulating plateau to the east, which is a fertile corn-bearing area, and one of the principal sources of food supply of the Tembien. They have now lost this valuable area.

AIR WARNINGS

BERBERA, Monday.

Natives from the Ogaden frontier report seeing "big blue lights showing up people at night-time."

The lights are believed to be Italian searchlights at Gorahai and Badredarre, which are heavily protected with barbed wire. Italian 'planes are also reported to be dropping pamphlets in Arabic at various wells, warning the Somalis to leave the region of Daggah Bur, Bubale, and Sasabenah, which lie on the Italians' path to Harar and the railway.

MEDITERRANEAN MENACE

TURKEY PREPARED TO CO-OPERATE

ANKARA, Tuesday.

It is understood that diplomatic Notes have been exchanged during the last few days between the British and Turkish Governments to determine the conditions under which Turkey would be ready to co-operate in the eventuality of a conflict in the Mediterranean, but absolute silence on the contents of the Notes is maintained by Turkish officials.

In semi-official circles, however, it is stated that the Turkish Government has replied favourably, together with the other members of the Balkan Entente, to the British request for co-operation in case of an attack by Italy upon Great Britain in the Mediterranean. It is believed that, in replying to the question, Turkey will once more bring forward the question of the fortification of the Dardanelles.

Meanwhile, Turkish public opinion, which has been attentively following the evolution of the international policy, appears to be entirely in favour of respecting Article 16 of the League Covenant, dealing with sanctions against an aggressor State.

PRECAUTIONS IN THE DODECANESE

THREE HUNDRED TONS OF BARBED WIRE

PRESS ASSOCIATION WAR SPECIAL.

ATHENS, Monday.

That the Dodecanese Islands constitute an important factor in Italy's strategic precautions in the Mediterranean is confirmed by the news that continues to leak through to Greece. Three hundred tons of barbed wire are reported to have been discharged at Rhodes recently for fortification purposes. The Italian air force on the island of Leros is said to be 900 strong.

Labour is being recruited from all the islands and taken to Stampalia for the construction of underground fortifications and the building of storehouses.

Four heavy cruisers, three light cruisers, three torpedo destroyers, ten tugs and two other craft were recently reported to be in the harbour of Laki (Leros).

Eighteen thousand troops are said to be stationed on the Island of Rhodes.

Provisions are believed to be very scarce in all the islands. Fuel, oil and flour are rationed.

NATIONAL RECOVERY ACT

MR. ROOSEVELT'S ACTION

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, Monday.

President Roosevelt to-day signed an Executive order transferring the National Recovery Act administration to the Commerce and Labour Departments, thus ending the independent existence of the N.R.A., which was once the keystone of the new deal.

The United States Supreme Court killed the National Recovery Act in May, when in a test case it ruled that the delegation of code-making power to the President was unconstitutional. The Act regulated wages and conditions of labour in industry under a system of 500 codes.

The Secretary of Commerce was directed to terminate the functions and duties of the agencies assigned to him by April 1st.

GERMAN VESSEL FOUNDERS

CREW RESCUED BY BRITISH STEAMER

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

BEIRA (MOZAMBIQUE), Monday.

The British steamer, Incomati, reports that it has picked up the captain, three engineers, and nineteen native members of the crew of the German tug, Dar es Salaam, which foundered off Chinde.

Chief officer Christiansen is reported missing.

The Incomati is expected to reach port to-night.

MR. EDEN SEES THE KING

WORLD VIEWS ON HIS APPOINTMENT

GERMANY FEARS WAR CLOUDS

"ONE MUST BE READY FOR ANYTHING"

MR. ANTHONY EDEN, the new Foreign Secretary, kissed the King's hand at a specially convened meeting of the Privy Council which was held yesterday at Sandringham House, Norfolk, where the King has gone to spend Christmas.

Before the Council Mr. Eden had an audience with the King. The Council was attended by the Duke of Gloucester, the Earl of Athlone, and Sir John Davidson, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

The proceedings were brief, and Mr. Eden received his seal of office as Foreign Secretary from the King.

Mr. Eden travelled to Sandringham from London by train with Sir John Davidson, and the Ministers were more than half-an-hour late owing to fog.

After the Council Mr. Eden and Sir John left for London.

MR. BALDWIN'S SPEECH

GERMAN MISTRANSLATION

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

BERLIN, Monday.

The arrival here this week-end of the English newspapers containing the text of Mr. Baldwin's speech reveals that German comments on one important passage had

Reuter understands that there is no truth in a report from Paris that Britain has given assurances to France that Mr. Eden will not pursue the sanctions policy against Italy to breaking point.

been based on a mistranslation in the official version given to the German Press.

Some attention has been aroused here by the report that Mr. Baldwin had said: "We all know that the next time we may have to employ collective security the field may be nearer home than the Mediterranean."

It is now shown that what he actually said was: "For all we know."

ITALY CRITICAL

Mr. Eden's appointment as Foreign Secretary had generally a good world Press. As might have been expected, Italy is critical, but she is ready to judge him by his future action, Reuter's Rome Correspondent was told last night.

Only one Italian newspaper comments on the appointment, and that the *Gazzetta del Popolo* is hostile.

Geneva is naturally "delighted."

Germany and Austria, taking a gloomy view of the future, are non-committal, though Germany is glad Sir Austen Chamberlain, who is credited with being Francophile, did not get the appointment.

New York says Mr. Eden is "the man needed."

Here are typical comments from Reuter's Correspondents:—

TRAP PROPOSALS

ROME, Monday.

Italy is ready to pass the sponge over Mr. Eden's past and to judge him by his actions in the future. This was asserted in well-informed political circles here this evening. The Press, with the exception of the *Gazetta del Popolo*, is unanimous in making no comment on the appointment.

The *Gazzetta del Popolo* says:—"The appointment of Mr. Eden to be Minister of Foreign Affairs confirms that Britain had no intention of seeking a settlement of the Italo-Abyssinian conflict, and that the proposals were a trap.

"The position is now clearer, and France and the other countries, at least, know what they would be led into if they

ITALY NOT TO REPLY

Italy has decided definitely not to reply to the Franco-British peace proposals.

This decision was conveyed to M. Laval last evening by Signor Cerruti, the Italian Ambassador, says a Paris telegram.

supported the British policy. That policy is apparently based on the League, but is really a policy of imperialism."

The general tone of the Press on the crisis is restrained, and there are few severe attacks on Britain.

There have been no diplomatic contacts to-day, though the Count de Chambrun, the French Ambassador, called on Signor Suvich (Foreign Under-Secretary) to say good-bye before returning to France for the Christmas holiday.

Italy is marking time to see what Britain is going to do, and is taking no action for the moment.

MANDATE FOR WAR

BERLIN, Monday.

"One must be prepared for anything." This is the gist of to-night's comment in the *Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung* on Mr. Eden's appointment, which, the paper says, the Italians must regard as directed against them.

The paper adds: "In view of the events in the House of Commons and the military preparations going on in the meantime, one must suppose that the British Government now believes it has obtained from Parliament and people the mandate for war."

Paul Scheffer, in the *Tageblatt*, says: "Mr. Eden enters on his new office in the midst of a political undertaking of his own making, which leads along the verge of an open conflict."

INTEGRITY OF LEAGUE

ADDIS ABABA, Monday.

Mr. Eden's appointment is welcomed here as indicating that Britain will continue her policy of maintaining the integrity of the League.

DESSIE, Monday.

The appointment is being celebrated this evening by a dinner given to the international Press by the Emperor's secretary, M. Wolde Gorghis.

The news was received here with enthusiasm.

In France, opinion on the appointment is divided. Soviet Russia and Jugoslavia welcome it, but the Austrian Press views it with concern. *Der Morgen* says: "British foreign policy will in future show no ambiguity. It will follow the straight Eden line."

ARBOUR HILL RELEASES

35 PRISONERS SET FREE

TEN BELFAST MEN AMONG THEM

The following statement was issued by the Government Information Bureau yesterday evening:—

In view of the general peaceful conditions at present obtaining in the country, the Executive Council decided to release certain prisoners detained in Arbour Hill. In consequence of this decision the following thirty-five prisoners were released this morning:—

Barry, William, Castlemary, Cloyne, Co. Cork.
Harte, Timothy, Maiden street, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick.
Mullins, William, Ballincorkig, White's Cross, Co. Cork.
Quirke, Laurence, Crocane, Cloyne, Co. Cork.
Fahy, John, Ballyphilip, White's Cross, Co. Cork.
McGrath, Thomas, North Abbey, Youghal, Co. Cork.
Murphy, William, Cork Hill, Youghal, Co. Cork.
Roche, John, Chapel lane, Youghal, Co. Cork.
Johnston, Hubert, Dovea, Thurles, Co. Tipperary.
Bates, Ernest F., Cahir, South Tipperary.
Brown, John, Belfast.
Buckley, John, Duagh, Listowel, Co. Kerry.
Cashman, Paul, Francistown, Castlelyons, Co. Cork.
Collins, Patrick, Ballygarrett, Duagh, Co. Kerry.
Doherty, Peter, 6 Park View street, Belfast.
Forde, Patrick, Kilmahon, Co. Longford.
Harvey, James, 57 Seaford street, Belfast.
Leddy, Charles, 6 Mooreland Park, Anderstown, Belfast.
Mulholland, William, 83 Grace Hill street, Belfast.
O'Connor, Liam, Belfast.
O'Hara, Patrick, 9 Craig street, Belfast.
Rice, William, Belfast.
Frederick, George, 250 Falls road, Belfast.
Browne, Patrick, 15 North Strand road, Dublin.
Burns, Brian, Belfast.
Clifford, Patrick, Boheshill, Glencar, Co. Kerry.
Comerford, Matthew, Kells, Co. Kilkenny.
Faughnan, Thomas, Dromod, Co. Leitrim.
Glendon, James, Goodwin's Gardens, Kells, Co. Kilkenny.
Holohan, Francis, Gortahose, Carnawallen, Carrigallen, Co. Leitrim.
Lehane, Conor, 1 Upper Ormond quay, Dublin.
McNally, Sean, 21 Ardilea street, Belfast.
O'Hara, John, Belfast.
Quirke, Maurice, Crocane, Cloyne, Co. Cork.
Walsh, Francis, Rathcash, Clifden, Co. Kilkenny.

It is understood that there are still twenty-five prisoners in Arbour Hill.

Most of the prisoners released yesterday left for their homes by the evening trains from Dublin.

FROM "THE TIMES"

(BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT)

THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS

The Times observes in a leading article to-day:—In the early years of this century the supposed "decline of Christmas" was a favourite December topic. Some people bewailed the disappearance of "good old customs"; others apparently believed that Christmas festivities had begun with Charles Dickens and must end with the passing of Victorianism. To-day such talk would seem absurd. So far from having lost its hold, Christmas is as warmly welcomed and as worthily celebrated now as at any time in the past, and, it may be added, with a freedom from intemperance that would have considerably astonished our ancestors. Though times change, and social habits with them, it happens that the characteristics of our own age are precisely such as should make Christmas of more value to us than it was to any of our predecessors. It brings a few days' pause, and how welcome is pause in this age of pace; it aids simplicity, and simplicity is a virtue hard to preserve when the whole normal business of life has become perplexingly intricate.

Christmas reveals again how much of good there is in human nature. Such goodness shows itself in a thousand simple ways—in words and deeds of kindness, in happy family gatherings in every class of home, and in those institutions and hospitals where the heroic labours of the staffs at this season are only less wonderful than the amazing cheerfulness of the patients. Everywhere, in fact, people abound in kindness and goodwill when Christmas comes.

Perhaps nothing embodies the spirit of the season more happily than the message which His Majesty speaks to the men, women and children of his Empire. It is difficult to remember how recently such a message became possible; for already in homes far and near to "listen-in to the King" is regarded as among the most regular and delightful incidents of Christmas Day.

At the close of a year which has brought him both rejoicing and bereavement, His Majesty may be even more conscious than before of the homage, sympathy and affection which, while he speaks, flow back to him from his people.

The "Irish Times" will not be published on Christmas Day or St. Stephen's Day.

PORTUGUESE 'PLANE CRASHES

OCCUPANTS' REMARKABLE ESCAPE

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

LISBON, Monday.

One of the nine aeroplanes taking part in the mass flight of Portuguese military 'planes over the Portuguese colonies in Africa has crashed in French Guinea. The pilot, Colonel Cifka Duarte, General Inspector of Military Aviation, and leader of the Squadron, and the three members of the crew had amazing escapes from death.

The accident is believed to have been caused by a petrol leakage.

THE ABBEY THEATRE

FROM OUR THEATRE CORRESPONDENT.

I learn to-night that Mr. Hugh Hunt, who has been acting as producer in the Abbey Theatre for some time past, now has been appointed manager of the theatre, with full control under the Board of Directors.

POST OFFICE WORKERS

INCREASED PAY ALL ROUND

A NEW GRADE IN TEMPORARY CLASS

AUXILIARY INCREMENT DOUBLED

A COMMUNICATION from Mr. P. S. O'Hegarty, Secretary Department of Posts and Telegraphs, has been received by the Post Office Workers' Union in connection with the wage claim submitted by the union sixteen months ago.

The communication states that the claim has now been fully considered, and that the Minister regrets that it cannot be conceded. Mr. O'Hegarty adds that advantage was taken of the detailed examination which was made of the claim to see whether any improvement in the existing rates of wages ought to be made. Certain improvements were decided upon, and effect will be given to the new rates as from Friday last.

A schedule of the new rates has been forwarded to the union. They are as follows:—

Post Office assistants in Grade A (male) employed at Class 2 offices are to receive 1s. per week increase on their maximum, making the new maximum 64s. per week. In the Class 3 offices the same grade officers are to receive an increase of 2s. per week, making the new maximum 58s. per week.

Female officers in Grade A are to receive an increase of 6d. per week at the maximum in Class 2 offices. The new maximum is to be 44s. per week. They are to receive 1s. per week increase in Class 3 offices.

The Grade B male Post Office assistants in Class 3 offices are to receive 2s. per week increase at the maximum. This makes the new maximum 51s. per week.

Grade A postmen in all classes are to receive 2s. per week increase on their maximum scales. The new maxima are:—Class 1, 50s.; Class 2, 46s. 6d.; Class 3, 43s.

Grade B postmen in Class 1 and 2 offices are to receive 1s. per week increase at the maximum. The new maxima are 41s. and 38s. respectively.

Telephonists in Classes 1, 2 and 3 are to receive 2s. per increase at the maxima. The new maxima are 35s., 33s. and 31s. per week.

The present maximum of 39s. for night telephonists (male) is to be increased from 39s. to 41s.

Doormen and liftmen, who have a maximum of 30s. at present, are to start at 27s. per week, and to rise to 31s. per week. Part-time workers are to be paid *pro rata*.

Auxiliary postmen receive an increment of ½d. per hour under their conditions of service up to the present. Under the new conditions they will have their increment doubled.

Allowance deliverers are to receive an increment of ½d. per hour after 5 years' service.

TEMPORARY CLASSES

One of the most important changes affects the temporary classes.

A new Grade 1, consisting of Post Office assistants (male and female) and part and full time postmen, is to be created. A new Grade 1, consisting of full time telephonists, is also to be created. These grades will exist in the Dublin area, and a new scale will be fixed for them. This scale, together with the increases of pay for certain other temporary classes, will be communicated to the union later.

Unestablished female stores assistants will have a new maximum of 30s. per week—an increase of 5s. per week on the present maximum.

Packers and porters are to have a 4s. per week increase at minimum and maximum. The new scales will be 28s. to 34s. per week.

Storemen will get 3s. per week increase at the maximum. The new maximum is to be 38s. per week.

The new maximum for warehousemen, who are to receive 2s. per week increase, is to be 47s. per week.

In future Post Office Assistants, "A" and "B," will be known as Post Office Clerks, "A" and "B."

The new maxima will be reached by the ordinary increments of the classes concerned.

TRANSATLANTIC AIR MAIL

FRANCE TO SOUTH AMERICA

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Monday.

Official announcement is made to-day of the opening on January 5 next of a weekly air mail service to South America and back, to be carried out entirely by air in both directions. This service will take the place of the existing fortnightly service involving special fast dispatch boats for the Atlantic crossing. Recently the Atlantic crossing has been made alternatively with fast dispatch boats one week and by experimental aircraft the following week. Now the experimental stage is at an end, and aircraft will be used exclusively.

SIR SAMUEL HOARE'S HOLIDAY

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

ST. MORITZ, Monday.

Sir Samuel and Lady Maud Hoare, who arrived in Switzerland to-day by air from London, will make a prolonged stay in the Engadine. At the moment Sir Samuel is staying at Bevers, near here, but has not yet decided on the place where he will spend most of his holiday.

FRONTIER CLASH DENIAL

PRESS ASSOCIATION WAR SPECIAL.

ALEXANDRIA, Monday.

R.A.F. officers at Mersa-Matruh emphatically state that rumours of an affray between British and Italian soldiers on the Libyan frontier are without foundation.

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£6,000,000 PLAN

RE-BUILDING OF QUETTA

GOVERNMENT'S SHOCK-PROOF OFFICES

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

NEW DELHI, Monday.

DECISION to rebuild the city of Quetta on the ruins left by last May's earthquake, which took 30,000 lives, was announced by the Government of India to-day.

The Government's conclusions as to the future of this important garrison city of North-West India are broadly official. Quetta is to be rebuilt, as far as possible, on the existing site, and earthquake-resisting buildings are to be provided for all permanent employés of the Government, who will be required to live and work there in future; and, if the civil population desire to return to the vicinity of Quetta, they must be prepared to re-occupy the site of the old city, and accept as a condition of their return and in their own interests the need for a better, and therefore more expensive, standard of living than has been permitted in the past.

The cost of rebuilding has been estimated in the Reconstruction Committee's report at £6,000,000.

INDIAN DEFENCE

The Government point out that Quetta is one of the two spearheads of Indian defence. The garrison there is in the best position to act in the defence of Western India from external aggression, to control tribes, and to maintain peace and order in the southern portion of 600 miles of the North-Western Frontier. Its climate permits troops to remain there and conduct their training throughout the year, and incidentally it possesses the only practicable site for an aerodrome anywhere on the line from Sibi to the frontier.

Military stores of all kinds have been held in bulk in Quetta owing to the liability of the railway further back to interruption by flood or earthquake. Therefore, it is necessary for the military garrison to remain in Quetta in much the same strength as at present.

It follows, says the statement, that it is highly desirable that the headquarters of the civil Administration should be located in the same place.

"Though the whole of Baluchistan must be regarded as an earthquake area in which further shocks may be expected to occur from time to time," states a report, "the movement itself relieves stresses to which the surface has been subjected in the past, and, therefore, reduces the likelihood of future earthquakes in the same place."

The statement adds that the extremely poor quality of the buildings of Quetta City contributed to the magnitude of the disaster, while earthquake-proof buildings withstood the shock and solid buildings were not seriously damaged.

It is added that, according to a recent expert investigation, the site of the old city is healthier than most others. The surrounding valley could be made healthier still by utilising *débris* for filling up depressions which now collect water and provide breeding places for mosquitoes.

Salvage operations will eventually clear the existing site, but the width of many roads will be increased, and stringent building regulations rigorously enforced. If the population ever reaches pre-earthquake dimensions a considerable expansion of superficial area will become necessary.

The Government has engaged a town-planner to ensure that the layout of the new city shall follow modern scientific lines, with protection against future disasters and disease epidemics.

IN GOVERNMENT CIRCLES

SENATE TO MEET NEXT WEEK

BY OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT.

There was an air of Christmas about Government Buildings yesterday. Many of the officials who had reserved portion of their annual holidays for this time had gone from their accustomed surroundings, and will not be due back till next week. For the others to-day will be a half-day like Saturday. Christmas Day and Boxing Day will be bank holidays, so that there will be very little activity in Government circles till next week.

The Executive Council held a meeting yesterday instead of the usual Tuesday meeting which should take place to-day. Following this meeting the pleasant news of their release was conveyed to 35 prisoners in Arbour Hill. This clemency on the part of the Government was not unexpected. It was hoped in some quarters that it would have been extended to the other 25 prisoners who still remain at Arbour Hill, but apparently the Government regarded their offences as too serious to include them in the amnesty.

The next item of interest will be the meeting of the Senate on this day week, 31st December, for the purpose of dealing with the Land Purchase (Guarantee Fund) Bill. As this measure has now been held to be a money bill it will be open to the Senate only to pass it without amendment. It can, of course, make recommendations, but this is hardly likely. In any case no notice of proposed recommendations had been received at the Clerk's Office up to yesterday.

According to present arrangements the next meeting of the Senate after that will be on the 14th January, for the purpose of considering the Conditions of Employment Bill. Then on the following day it will take its momentous decision on the bill which is intended to abolish itself.

NEW INCUMBENT OF DRUMCONDRA

The Board of Nomination for the United Parishes of Drumcondra and North Strand met yesterday at the Diocesan Offices, 45 Kildare street, Dublin when the Rev. Charles John Tyndall, M.A., incumbent of the Parish of Enniscorthy, Diocese of Ferns, was unanimously nominated to the vacant incumbency.

Election Expenses.—The election expenses of Captain John M. Blakiston-Houston and Mr. Roland Ellis Dean, the Unionist candidates in the Fermanagh and Tyrone election, amounted to £964 19s., and the expenses of Messrs. Patrick Cunningham and Anthony J. Mulvey, the Nationalist-Abstentionist candidates, to £470 3s. 4d.

ICE CARNIVAL DEATHS

SCENE ON LOCH LEVEN

FOUR PERSONS DROWNED

THREE BOY SKATERS LOSE THEIR LIVES

SEVEN persons lost their lives during skating in Great Britain yesterday. Three of them were seen to disappear when the ice broke during a skating carnival on Loch Leven, Kinross.

Later the bodies of two of them were recovered, and, while the search was being continued for the third, the bodies of a man and his nephew who had not been missed previously were taken from the water.

Three little boys also lost their lives during the day while skating, two of them in Northumberland and one in Middlesex.

THE CARNIVAL ACCIDENT

Three men who had been taking part in a skating carnival on Loch Leven, Kinross, were drowned when they fell through the ice. Two of the victims were George Harkness (38), an unemployed man with five children, and James Brady (20), a bricklayer, both of Kinross. The third man had not been identified last night.

The tragedy occurred at a point comparatively near the shore and close to the Factor's Pier, which is well known to anglers who compete on Loch Leven at the International Match.

Skaters were seated around the pier when they heard a cry for help. Several young men immediately rushed to the spot, Brady being among the foremost. Brady was just on the point of beginning a search when the ice suddenly gave way under his feet, and he was plunged into the icy water.

Harkness thereupon went to Brady's assistance, but he, too, found the ice giving way, and both were drowned, despite frenzied efforts to pull them to safety.

RESCUERS IN THE WATER

The tragedy might have attained even more serious proportions, because, in attempting to aid the ill-fated men, several would-be rescuers were precipitated into the water.

There were scores of people on the loch at the time. Among those who played a prominent part in the rescue work was a young woman skater—Miss Locke, of Dollar—who was wearing figure skates, which enabled her to obtain a better grip on the ice, and thus facilitated her efforts. She was seen to drag at least one man to safety.

BODIES RECOVERED

Shortly after midnight the bodies of two other persons were taken from the lake. They were those of Daniel McPherson, an unemployed man, of Kinross, and his nephew, Alexander Fyfe (16), of Dollar.

Earlier in the night it had been reported that McPherson and his nephew had not returned to their homes.

THREE BOYS DROWNED

Two brothers—Robert Allen (11) and Joseph Allen (9)—of Store row, East Seaton Burn, Northumberland, were drowned yesterday in a pond near their village when the ice gave way. They had gone to skate, and were crossing a patch of thin ice when the accident occurred. Rescue attempts were made.

The bodies were recovered later.

Richard Basil Ross, aged 16, of Green Lanes, Sunbury, Middlesex, was skating on the ice covering a disused gravel pit near his home yesterday when the ice broke, and Ross was thrown into the water.

People standing near by went to his assistance, but were hampered by the fog, and Ross was drowned before they could reach him.

FROST AND FOG

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moderate north-east wind, with occasional snow, sleet or rain. Glazed frost on the roads may be expected early in the day. The temperature will rise later.

The forecast for Christmas Day promises unsettled weather, becoming milder in the south and south-east, and with snow or sleet in Scotland.

In a collision with an omnibus in the fog at Shooters Hill, Woolwich, Mrs. Ives, an eighty-year-old passenger in the car, was killed.

George McKay, of Shelford, Trumpington, collapsed from the cold while driving his car in Cambridge, and later died in hospital.

CHAOS ON THE ROADS

Conditions on the roads were described by an Automobile Association official as "absolute chaos." During the day the Association dealt with over five thousand inquiries from motorists. So serious was the position regarded that motorists were advised not to travel any distance until an improvement was reported. In many areas it was found necessary to light fog flares and to throw grit on the surface of the roads.

At nearly all the London railway termini trains were running up to two hours late and fog services were widely in operation.

Air services from Croydon were cancelled after about half a dozen 'planes had left. No machines landed at Croydon all day, the fog causing several air liners from the Continent to land at Lympne.

Last night the temperature on the Air Ministry roof was 29 degrees—six degrees less than at the same time on Sunday night.

LINER PASSENGERS HELD-UP

Three hundred passengers from New York had an unusual ending to their trans-Atlantic trip to the Clyde. The Anchor liner Caledonia was on her way upstream when the fog became too dense for navigation, and after a four hours' hold up it was decided to tie up the liner to the old Admiralty wharf at Old Kilpatrick, which is about six miles from Yorkhill Dock, where several hundred people were awaiting the arrival of their friends.

Word was sent to the company offices in Glasgow, and twelve saloon 'buses arrived at the wharf. The passengers disembarked on the old wharf, and, with their hand luggage, were brought up to Yorkhill, where they passed the Customs and joined their friends only a short time after the hour scheduled for their arrival.

It was so cold in Amersham (Bucks) Police Court yesterday that the magistrates sent for their overcoats, and wore them throughout the proceedings.

After a glorious day in the Chalfont district fog descended last night, and on the Oxford road hundreds of cars were abandoned.

FREE STATE TRADE RETURNS

ADVERSE BALANCE DOWN £3,000,000

STRIKING INDUSTRIAL FIGURES

THE Free State's external trading for the twelve months ended November, 1935, amounting to £57,633,552—an increase of roughly £130,000 over last year, showed an adverse balance of £17,162,090, which is slightly over £3,000,000 less than last year's balance, but close on £2,000,000 greater than the balance in each of the two previous years.

In the year ended November, 1934, the adverse balance was £20,201,665, while in 1933 and 1932 it was £15,710,924 and £15,848,519 respectively. It was slightly over 13 millions in 1931, and as low as 10½ millions in 1930, when the volume of trade reached £103,379,775.

The trade returns indicate that imports in the eight months—April-November—of this year totalled £25,246,900, this being £1,373,017 less than in the corresponding period last year, while exports for the eleven months, January to November, at £18,296,650 were £1,657,148 greater than during the same period last year, and re-exports fell from £320,249 to £294,135.

As compared with those of November, 1934, the imports last month increased by £120,000, and exports went up from £1,747,814 to £1,887,960. This, however, showed a drop in value compared with October, 1935, of £109,811.

Imports—which are shown only for eight months—from Great Britain for April-November, 1935, were £13,485,451, as compared with £16,209,030 during the same period last year—a fall of £2,963,997. In the same periods imports from Northern Ireland fell from £1,355,382 in 1934 to £379,132 in 1935—a fall of nearly a million pounds.

FOREIGN TRADE

Imports from other countries increased, however, from £9,055,505 in 1934, to £11,391,725 in the present year. This was reflected mainly in increased imports from India (British), Palestine, South Africa (British), Straits Settlements, West Indies (British), Argentina, Brazil, Canary Islands, Chile, East Indies (Dutch), Egypt, Germany, France Italy, Japan, Peru, Spain and U.S.S.R. Imports from Argentina increased by over £200,000, by £308,000 from Dutch East Indies, by £100,000 from France, by over £90,000 from Italy, by over £210,000 from Japan (who took only £1,506 worth from this country in the last eleven months, a figure that represents only one-sixth of her purchases from the Free State in 1934), and by over £100,000 from Spain.

Japan's trade is extremely interesting. In the eight months preceding December, 1935, the Free State took £221,982 worth of Japanese goods, as compared with £10,158 in the same period last year, while the exports to that country in the last eleven months amounted to only £1,506, as compared with £6,255 in the same period in 1934. In the eight months period from April last the United States sent goods to the value of £1,709,436, nearly £5,000 more than last year, and bought to the value of £157,951 during the whole eleven months, or about £43,000 more than last year. Argentina sold us goods to the value of £927,911 in the eight months period, and purchased £1,902 worth in the whole eleven months, the latter figure being over £2,000 less than last year. Australia, who sold us £957,485 worth in eight months this year, bought only £9,206 worth, or £4,000 less than last year. Our adverse balance in trade with Canada during the same periods was more than 21 to 1. Our best customer was Germany, who bought £464,723 worth in eleven months and sold us £907,762 worth in eight months. Exports to that country were up by nearly £340,000. Latvia sold us £115,000 and bought to the extent of £49. There was a trading balance in favour of the Free State in her deals with the Phillipines and the Straits Settlements, comparing the figures for eight months' imports and eleven months' exports. Russia sold us goods to the value of £327,715, as against £228,559 in the eight months of last year; while exports to that country in the eleven month period increased from £8 in 1934 to £5,161 in 1935.

The value of horses imported in the last eleven months exceeded that for the same period last year by nearly £12,000.

IMPORTS DOWN

A drop in the imports of wheaten flour brought the total value of cereals and feeding stuffs down this year from £4,543,651 to £3,961,986.

Imports of fruit and vegetables, etc., fell by over £100,000 this year.

Declining imports of raw cocoa, hops, sugar and tea reduced the total value of miscellaneous articles of food from £2,707,490 in 1934 to £2,266,758 this year.

Tobacco imports in the last eleven months were down on those of last year by over £1,000,000, and in iron and steel manufactures (excluding cutlery and machinery) the fall in imports amounted to £190,000.

Cutlery, hardware, implements and instruments were imported in increased value to the extent of £47,051, and imports of apparel dropped by, roughly, £400,000.

Imports of machinery and electrical goods apparatus for eleven months this year amounted to £2,410,881, as compared with £2,389,940 in the same period last year.

The value of imported fertilisers was £376,496, as compared with £277,921 last year.

The total value of imports in the eleven months dropped from £36,118,668 to £34,394,769, the exports plus re-exports in the same period amounting to £20,235,731.

LIVE STOCK

The export of live animals, principally store cattle, advanced from £5,585,453 in 1934 to £6,622,903 in the eleven months of this year. Export of calves dropped, however, from £123,963 in 1934 to £57,048 this year, and sheep and lamb exports declined by approximately £80,000.

Salmon and trout exports fell this year from £221,704 in 1934 to £196,682, and dead poultry from £217,772 to £142,257. Milk exports fell from £12,856 to £8,363, while butter increased from £1,303,951 to £1,625,877.

Drink exports fell from £4,051,854 in 1934 to £3,959,693.

Wool exports advanced from £370,349 in 1934 to £451,717 this year, and knitted gloves advanced in value from £14,596 to £20,956.

Oils, fats and soaps increased in value of exports from £18,397 to £29,351, and the value of rabbit skins exported, amounting to £13,528, was nearly double that of last year.

Foodstuffs of animal origin exported were valued at £5,327,061, as compared with £4,703,796 last year.

The value of vehicles, principally tractor parts, exported during the last eleven months increased by close on £4,000.

Textile exports increased from £688,658 in 1934 to £779,998 in the present year, and apparel from £36,386 to £41,586.

Hides and skins exported this year were valued at £289,677, compared with £267,938 last year. There was an increase of £9,500, roughly, in the exports of oils, fats, soaps, chemicals and paints. While there was a drop in exports of sheep skins, cattle hides increased in export value to the extent of £65,647, or a total value of £222,630.

THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

MANY AND VARIED ATTRACTIONS

EXCURSIONS BY RAIL AND SEA

AMUSEMENTS OFFERED IN DUBLIN

WITH the bustle and excitement of the Christmas shopping over—to all intents and purposes—and all the necessary purchases made and gifts despatched, one turns with a sigh of relief to thoughts of how best to take full advantage of the welcome rest which the Christmas holiday brings. For most people, of course, Christmas Day itself is essentially a home day, spent in the bosom of one's family after religious Service; but there is an increasing number of people—the younger generation—who, in the modern craze for change and pastures new, like to spend the Christmas away. To meet their desires many hotels both in this country and across the water have arranged special Christmas parties, where visitors come together to create "the family atmosphere," from which so many desire to escape—a bit of a paradox. A glance at our advertising columns will reveal a number of such Christmas parties in hotels in well-known holiday resorts.

CARRYING COMPANIES

To facilitate travellers, both those bent on excursions from home and the still larger army of people who like to get home at Christmas, the railway and shipping companies have offered transport services at specially reduced excursion rates. One novel and very acceptable offer is that, for instance, of the London, Midland and Scottish and other cross-Channel railways, which makes it possible to purchase a railway voucher and send it in a specially designed greeting card. What a delightful gift would be such a railway voucher to a member of the family or friend whom one would like to have home for Christmas. Often the railway fare is the barrier to the reunion, and here is a method of getting over that obstacle without causing offence. Just send the greeting that will unite the family for Christmas and the New Year.

The British and Irish Steam Packet Co., as well as the London, Midland and Scottish, have been running special services since last week between the principal stations in Great Britain and Dublin, holiday return tickets being available up to 6th January. The Burns and Laird Line also have arranged special Christmas and New Year services at excursion fares from Dublin to the principal stations in Scotland, available up to 13th January next.

The two great railway systems in Ireland are also putting forth every effort to meet the convenience of the travelling public, and offer the usual excursion facilities. There are some very attractive holiday specials offered, notably that by the Great Northern Railway Company on St. Stephen's Day to Belfast—an offer that, doubtless, will be widely seized upon.

ROUND OF AMUSEMENTS

On St. Stephen's Day a varied round of amusements is offered. There will be the usual Boxing Day race meeting for those who like a "flutter" at a meeting on this day; whilst for football "fans" there will be interesting games in all codes. In the Association football circle the *pièce de resistance* will be the Leinster Cup final between Drumcondra and Dundalk at Dalymount Park.

For an army of both adults and children the great thing on St. Stephen's Day is the pantomime, and at all the theatres King Pantomime will hold sway. At the Gaiety Theatre there will be "Cinderella," with its appeal that never fades; at the Theatre Royal Barrie's lovable "Peter Pan" will attract great numbers; and at the Olympia Theatre the popular Dublin comedian, Jimmy O'Dea, will provide great fun in Harry O'Donovan's production, "Jack and the Beanstalk." The Abbey and Gate Theatres, as well as the Torch, also offer attractive bills, whilst there is a bewildering programme offered by the cinemas, both in the city and suburbs.

Then there is the lure of the ballroom, and, no doubt, many hundreds will not call it a day without finishing up with a dance. All the ballrooms offer attractions in this form, and, no doubt, they will all be well patronised.

TO COURT IN AN AMBULANCE

STAVISKY TRIAL DRAMA

EX-INSPECTOR BONY QUESTIONED

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Monday.

"I AM not here to be made a show of—it's perhaps my last appearance before going to the cemetery," declared ex-Inspector Bony, when questioned at the Stavisky trial here to-day.

The former inspector was pale and scarcely able to walk. He had been brought to the Court in an ambulance for cross-examination in regard to his relations with Stavisky.

In Court to-day Bony complained that he was very ill; that his wife and family were insulted every day because of the Stavisky affair, and that his little boy of ten was bullied at school and called an "assassin." He said that the word "assassin" had also been written on his house.

Interest was aroused when Bony hedged at a question as to whether it was true that he had been obliged to slow down his inquiries in the Stavisky case by the officials of the *Sûreté Générale*.

Eventually he was forced to reply, and stated that he had submitted his notes on the Stavisky case in May, June, and July, 1933, while he was carrying out the inquiry.

When it was revealed that these notes were in the possession of the *Procureur-Général*, there was an outcry among the lawyers, who insisted that they be informed of their contents. To this the *Procureur-Général* finally agreed.

The cross-examination of Bony will continue after the lawyers have had time to study these notes.

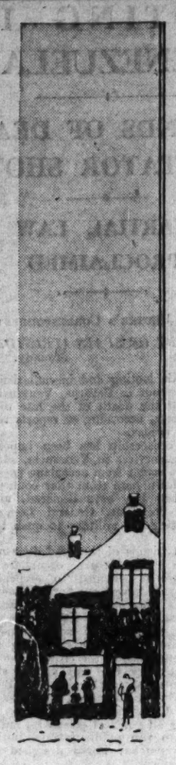
SPECIAL CAROL SERVICE

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

This afternoon at 3 o'clock there will be a special Carol Service in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin.

To-morrow the preacher at Morning Service (11 o'clock) will be the Archbishop of Dublin. The Anthem will be "There were shepherds" (Handel). There will be Festal Evensong at 3.30 o'clock, when the Christmas Anthem will be rendered in full. The offerings will be for the poor of the parishes near the Cathedral.

On St. Stephen's Day the Cathedral and Crypt will be open free, by ticket, from 11.45 a.m., and a lecture on "Christ Church; the story of the Fabric," will be given at 12 noon by the Rev. Canon E. H. Lewis-Crosby, B.D., Precentor. There will be a collection for the special repairs fund.



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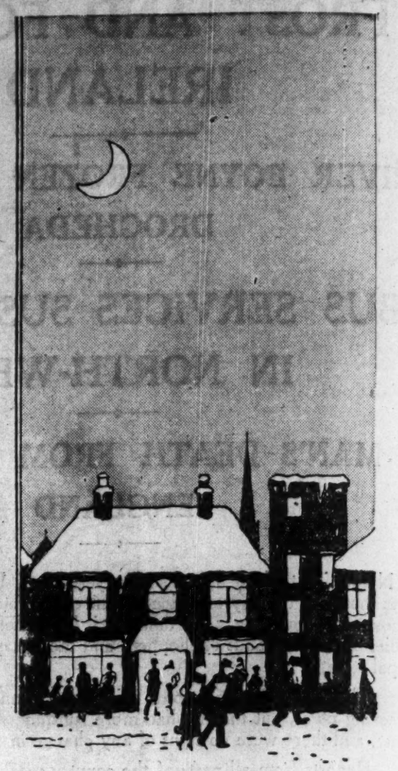

"SWEET AFTON"

The Quality Cigarette

THE RETURN OF "PETER PAN"

WELCOMED BY LARGE AUDIENCE

BARRIE'S IMMORTAL PLAY

ONE feared for the success of "Peter Pan" in such a great building as the Theatre Royal last night, and, indeed, in an atmosphere in the theatre, into which had strayed some rather disturbing elements, it did look as if Sir James Barrie's masterpiece had lost appeal for a sophisticated audience, but doubts were set at rest when Peter Pan appealed to all who believed in fairies to mark their faith by clapping and so saving the life of Tinker Bell. There was a great outburst of applause, which was again repeated a few minutes later.

And there is really no reason why the play should not appeal to everyone. It is a classic fairy-tale, and at this season especially, when the spirit of Christmas softens the hardest heart and opens chinks in the armour of even the worst Scrooge, it should be a tonic to everyone to enter into the mood of the play and share the adventures

MISS DINAH SHERIDAN.

of the inimitable Peter, and perhaps wish for his perennial youth. How many a worried individual would just like to be wafted off overnight to the Never, Never, Never Land, to come under the fostering care of a Wendy—even if it did involve ever threatening dangers from the desperate Captain Hook.

It was gratifying to see so many grown-ups present last night enjoying every moment of the play. And really it is a very enjoyable production, from which none of the familiar incidents have been omitted. There is the Darling household, with father and mother going out to dinner, leaving their children alone. What fun it was to see Daddy being forced to take his medicine and then not playing fair; and what a sorry trick he played on poor Nana. The children in the audience were quite agreed that it did serve him right if Peter flew in through the window and brought Wendy and her brothers off to Never, Never, Never Land.

How funny it was to see John flying off in his top-hat, which came in handy to make a chimney for the lovely house the Lost Boys built. They are such a jolly lot of boys in that land—plenty of games and pillow fights and Red Indians to help them against Captain Hook. But the Captain himself was afraid of the Crocodile, who had swallowed his arm after Peter cut it off. The Crocodile also swallowed a clock, which kept on ticking inside, and the tick-tock always warned the Captain.

There is a great fight between the Pirates and the Red Indians, and the Pirates capture Wendy and the Lost Boys, but Peter Pan cleverly comes along and rescues them just as they are about to "walk the plank." And it all ends very happily when Wendy and her brothers come home.

THE CAST

There is a first-rate cast, headed by Ena Moon as Peter Pan. She has all the boyish mischievousness and "sauce" the part calls for, a regular tom-boy, who maintains worthily the standard set by Pauline Chase and Jean Forbes Robertson in this role. The Wendy is played by Dinah Sheridan with delightful girlishness. She is just natural in her every word and act, and brings out all the sweetness Barrie has woven into the character. What a delight it is to see herself and Peter exchanging "symbols," as they call a kiss. Then there are very clever youngsters, Geoffrey Wellard and Gordon Miller as her young brothers, John and Michael, whilst Laurence Naismith and Phyllis Gadsden are good as Mr. and Mrs. Darling.

Harry Welchman plays the part of Captain Hook with great gusto. He was not the sort of pirate any one wanted to shake hands with—especially with the hook hand. His "advance" speech before death was a most entertaining delivery. A lovable rogue, too, was Smee—"the non-Conformist pirate," as Hook calls him—even if he does make rather a mess of trying to put on a brogue.

Then there are the Lost Boys and the

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THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

"AND WAS MADE MAN"

FROM OUR CHURCH OF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT.

Once again the recurrence of Christmas-tide brings before us this supreme fact of history—Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, for us men and for our salvation, came down from Heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

Human beings need to remind themselves again and again of the glorious and mysterious consequences which follow from this divine act of condescension.

Glorious—there is little enough of glory in human nature if left to itself. It seems to keep on low levels without some power which may raise it to the heights, and, since the first Christmas Day, those who have perceived how amazing was the event commemorated have shown the world what human nature, transformed and inspired by the indwelling presence of the Son of God, is capable of in the way of service to humanity and development of individual character through discipline. Mysterious—mystery is not liked in these days, when flood-lights are being directed on every corner of life. There must be no dark niches where a soul may hide from the world and rest apart from the fuss and glare in the healing quietude of the presence of God. How foreign to the average religious experience of to-day is that of any of the great mystics, and how difficult we find it to sympathise with them, or, indeed, even to bring ourselves to read their story at all! Yet, there must be room for the mysterious in true life; for there can be no life apart from mystery—even a scientist will acknowledge that there is a veil through which he cannot penetrate. And where God is "made man," where the word of God "become flesh and tabernacled among us," there must be for finite minds and experiences the mystery of what is beyond limited experience and understanding.

Recognition of this would affect our life in many ways. It would make a man more humble, less sure that his way is necessarily the right way. It would win a recognition in a man's scheme of life of the necessity of allowing God to have His say and to exercise His guiding power. It would save God's day from becoming secularised. It would alter the relations of man to man and nation to nation, for the day of selfishness would be over, and the guiding principle would be the redemption of mankind through the conduct of God-inspired brother towards his fellow-man.

"Peace on earth among men of good-will." The Christmas promise and prayer hidden in these words is not unattainable, if only men will centre their life on Bethlehem and not on Babylon. So "let us now go even unto Bethlehem and see these things which are come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us."

DEATH OF LIEUT.-GENERAL SIR CHARLES TUCKER

Lieutenant-General Sir Charles Tucker died at Biarritz on Sunday, at the age of 97, says *The Times*.

As a soldier of the old school standing remote from all association with the Great War, but instinct with all that was best in the Army of the past, there was much to admire in Sir Charles Tucker. In his prime his men were said to have feared him more than the Zulus; for he was as hard in mind as he was in body. Regardless of all consequences, he always acted according to his own high standard of duty, and at such moments he respected no man, but his sense and practical outlook usually proved him to be right. Even so, the troops really cherished an unbounded regard, even a deep affection, for him, because they knew he had their well-being very near to his heart.

BOXING PROMOTER FOUND HANGED

Mr. Jack Merrett, a well-known West-Country sporting promoter, who was responsible for the recent eliminating contest for the British heavy-weight title at Plymouth between Len Harvey and Eddie Phillips, was found dead, hanged, in a quarry near Plympton, five miles from Plymouth, late last night.

Mr. Merrett was about 40 years of age. He had been for some years manager of the Promenade Pier at Plymouth, and latterly promoted boxing and all-in wrestling contests.

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Red Indians, and the Crocodile with its fatal tick-tick, and particularly the clever nurse-dog, Nana, all playing their parts very well.

The staging is well done, and the effects, especially the flying, very clever. The production is very enjoyable, and should be seen during its season.

The play was produced by arrangement with the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond street, London, owners of the copyright, and at the matinee performance yesterday several hundred children from hospitals in Dublin were present and thoroughly enjoyed the production.

LINDBERGHS LEAVE U.S.

ON WAY TO ENGLAND

FEARS FOR SAFETY OF SON

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

NEW YORK, Monday.

THE American public was staggered to learn to-day that Colonel and Mrs. Lindberg have left America, and are on their way to England to find a sanctuary from the increasingly recurring threats to kidnap their little son, Jon.

This, it is generally believed, is the real reason behind their departure, which was first revealed by the *New York Times* in a copyright report this morning.

Colonel and Mrs. Lindbergh and Jon are on board the American Importer, which left New York on Saturday, and is due in Liverpool next Monday.

Great secrecy covered the Lindbergh's departure.

It is not yet known for certain how long they intend to stay in England. Some reports state that they are only going for a Christmas trip; others that they intend to make their home there.

One close friend of the Lindbergh's family at Englewood (New Jersey) states that the family positively intend to make their home in England. Another declares emphatically that the Lindberghs do not intend to live in England permanently, but have gone there for a Christmas trip.

Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh, Colonel Lindbergh's mother, who lives at Detroit, states that she knew nothing of her son's reported plan to remove his family.

AMERICANS SHOCKED

The shock received by thousands of Americans at hearing the news is comparable to that which would occur in England should the Prince of Wales announce that he no longer felt secure in his own country. "America's Prince of Wales," as the airman has been called, fears for the safety of his child. It is stated that the Lindberghs have chosen England because they believe that the English have a greater regard for law and order than any other people.

The threats against Jon Lindbergh have increased markedly since Hauptmann was sentenced to die, and sensational rumours were started recently following a photographing incident, which, it is thought, finally decided the Lindberghs to depart.

AN INCIDENT

As Jon was coming from school a large car forced the teacher's car into the kerb, and some men jumped out and thrust cameras into the child's face. After this Jon was no longer sent to school. The pictures subsequently appeared in the New York *Daily Mirror*.

Another theory to account for the Lindberghs abrupt departure is the strain that the re-opening of the controversy about the guilt or innocence of Bruno Hauptmann, the convicted murderer of their first baby, has caused them.

Hauptmann's fate meanwhile still hangs in the balance. To-day, a few hours after the news of the Lindberghs departures became known, it was announced in Trenton (New Jersey) that Hauptmann, whose death warrant was signed on December 13, had filed a plea of clemency to the New Jersey Board of Pardons. The contents of his plea have not yet been published.

FOYNES AS ATLANTIC AIRPORT

WHAT THE DISTRICT HAS TO OFFER

Foynes harbour trustees have passed the following resolution unanimously:—

"The Foynes Harbour Board welcome the news of the selection of the area of the upper estuary of the Shannon as the "locale" of the projected airport for the North Atlantic Trans-Oceanic Air Service. They feel justified in this connection in pointing out, to whom it may concern, that, whether the airport is finally established in the immediate vicinity of Foynes or not, Foynes can offer certain amenities unique in the district, such as an up-to-date pier, with 25 feet of water at Low Water Springs, an adjacent railway station with loop sidings serving all berths, and direct connection with all districts, thus obviating unnecessary handling of goods; berths totalling 800 feet for vessels of all classes; the presence of two large petrol and oil depôts, quarries, sawmills, and facilities for housing; in short, an unusually complete equipment for a place of its population. They will naturally, in their own interest, do their utmost to facilitate and expedite any work involved, feeling as they do that the best, if not the only, basis of satisfactory business is a number of satisfied clients."

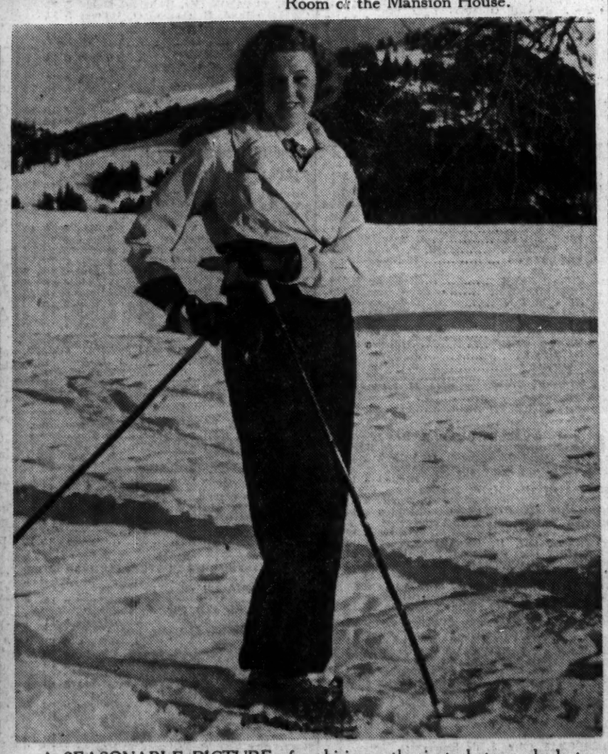
PREPARING FOR SANTA CLAUS : CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENTS

MAKING THINGS SAFE FOR SANTA CLAUS—This small enthusiast is making sure that nothing will hinder to-night's visitor.

CHILDREN from Dublin hospitals arriving at the Theatre Royal yesterday to attend the special matinée performance of "Peter Pan." Right: Miss Eva Moon (Peter Pan) and Miss Dinah Sheridan (Wendy) entertaining some of the visitors.

MEMBERS of the Dublin Rotary Club and friends inflating balloons in preparation for yesterday's children's entertainment in the Round Room of the Mansion House.

SMALL BOYS trying the strength of the ice on the lake in St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, yesterday.



A SEASONABLE PICTURE of a ski-ing enthusiast photographed at a winter sports resort in Switzerland.

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ENTERTAINMENT FOR SICK CHILDREN

500 SEE "PETER PAN" AT THEATRE ROYAL

Over five hundred children from the leading Dublin hospitals and institutions were present at the opening matinée performance of "Peter Pan" at the Theatre Royal yesterday afternoon. The little patients, who were accompanied by their nurses, were taken to and from the theatre in a special fleet of buses and trams, very kindly provided free of charge by the Dublin United Tramways Company. The St. John Ambulance Brigade also provided a fine service of ambulances to convey stretcher cases to the theatre, while the Civic Guard Traffic Department courteously placed special men on duty to regulate traffic around the theatre precincts. Both coming to and returning from the theatre the patients were conveyed without any delay and with every comfort.

The Lord Mayor (Right Hon. Alderman Byrne), who was present during the performance, addressing the children from the stage during an interval, said: "I am happy and delighted, indeed, to come among those children from our leading city hospitals and institutions on such an occasion. It was a lovely thought on the part of all concerned to afford the children on this festive season an opportunity of seeing such a delightful production of 'Peter Pan.' I can see from the happy faces around me that all have enjoyed themselves immensely. As one who has always endeavoured to bring happiness into the lives of our Dublin children, I would like on their behalf to return best thanks to all concerned. First let me thank the Dublin Tramway Company and the Saint John Ambulance Brigade for the magnificent transport service they both supplied gratis.

"Next let me pay tribute to our Dublin newspapers, who so kindly sponsored this scheme, and to the management of the Theatre Royal—especially Mr. J. E. Pearce and Mr. McGrath—who so generously provided several hundred seats that those little ones might have such a charming Christmas treat. Last, but not least, let me pay tribute to this talented star company of players who have given us such a wonderful performance of 'Peter Pan.' The best appreciation I can pay is to say that they delighted not only the children but the grown-ups as well.

"Before I conclude I would like to express my admiration of the work the Theatre Royal is doing in this city in giving engagements to so many of our well-known Irish artistes. This is an admirable policy, which will be of great assistance to all our young singers and musicians, and one on which the management is to be highly commended.

"Finally, children, as Lord Mayor of your city, I wish you all a very happy Christmas and health and prosperity in the new year."

EARLSFORT HOUSE SCHOOL

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES

The annual distribution of prizes at Earlsfort House School, Dublin, was held on Friday last. The Rev. Canon A. E. Hughes, M.A., presided. The prizes were distributed by the Rev. O. A. Crawford Irwin, B.D., Vice-Principal of St. John's College, Durham University, who expressed his pleasure in revisiting his old school. He knew that in his time Earlsfort House stood—as he believed it did still—for development of individuality, as opposed to the attempt to make all boys think and act alike. Another feature of the school was its success in teaching boys how to learn for themselves. His experience of English boys led him to believe that they were in many cases almost too well taught. The result often was that in the wider life of a university they were not self-reliant and proved disappointing.

Mr. Irwin heartily approved of the system of education, as briefly outlined that afternoon by the Headmaster, and thought that parents, in the important matter of home work, might ensure greater facilities for their sons' work. It was unreasonable to expect boys to concentrate to the accompaniment of wireless. He urged parents, at as early a date as possible, to take the headmaster into their confidence with regard to the choice of a career for their boys.

Canon Hughes said that there was ample room in Dublin for a school of the type of Earlsfort House, of which he had always thought most highly.

PRIZE LIST

Form VI.—First, L. Orr; second, H. Beaumont. French and Mathematics—L. Orr.
Form V.—First, C. Yates; second, S. Hildebrand; third, R. E. Fenelon.
Form IV.—First, D. Sherriff; second, P. Harris; third, C. Bowyer.
Form IV. A—First, R. Heuston; second, D. Montgomery.
Form III.—First, B. Bolingbroke; second, B. Forde; third, R. Allen.
Form II.—First, J. Stevens; second, B. Sherriff; third, J. Heuston.
Form I.—First, E. Dungan; second, K. Christie. First Term Prize—P. Bolingbroke.
Drawing—First, H. Beaumont; second, B. Forde; third, David Wallace.
Reading, Junior School—B. Forde.
Writing. Form III.—B. Bolingbroke. Form II.—J. Heuston.
Hamilton Cup (highest marks throughout the year)—L. Orr.
De Courcy Wheeler Shield—L. Orr.
Clayton Cup (Football)—L. Orr.
Burke Cup (Cricket)—L. Orr.

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POTATOES AND MILK PRAISED

HEALTH COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The Health Organisation of the League of Nations has issued a report on the Physiological Bases of Nutrition by the Technical Commission appointed by the Health Committee.

In a general summing up it is laid down that, although a simplified diet may be so constituted from a few protective foods as to be satisfactory, it is a general principle that variety in diet tends to safety, provided it contains a sufficiency of the protective types of food materials.

White flour in the process of milling is deprived of important nutritive elements. Its use should be decreased, and partial substitution by lightly milled cereals, and especially by potatoes, is recommended. The consumption of an excessive amount of sugar is to be condemned, and in this case also partial replacement by potatoes or their equivalents is urged.

Milk should form a conspicuous element of the diet of all ages. The Commission commends the tendency manifested in some countries to increase the daily intake up to one litre per day for pregnant and lactating women, as well as an abundant supply for infants, children of all ages, and adolescents. The practice of providing milk either free or at a reduced price to these is highly recommended.

MILK WASTAGE

The Commission draws attention to the high nutritive value of skimmed and separated milk, which, although deprived of its vitamin A through removal of the fat, retains the protein, the B and C vitamins, the calcium and other mineral elements. The Commission deplores the large wastage in many countries of this valuable food.

Fresh vegetables and/or fruit should always be constituents of the normal mixed diet. Adequate provision of the vitamins other than vitamin D can be readily accomplished by inclusion in the diet of optimum amounts of protective foods. Where these are not available only such vitamin preparations as are officially controlled and approved should be permitted.

The Commission emphasises the need for provision of extra vitamin D, either as cod-liver oil or as irradiated products, wherever and whenever sunshine is not abundant, especially in the period of growth and during pregnancy.

ORDINATIONS

An Ordination Service was held in St. Macarten's Cathedral, Enniskillen, by the Bishop of Clogher, when the following four candidates were ordained to the Order of Priesthood:—The Rev. S. Boothman, B.A., Enniskillen and Trory; the Rev. R. J. Hazleton, B.A., Tydavnet; the Rev. J. R. McKinley, B.A., Drumkeeran, and the Rev. R. E. Trenier, Monaghan. The preacher was the Rev. Canon C. Maurice Stack, M.A.

Racing Programmes for the Bank Holiday

LEOPARDSTOWN

Capital Contest Promised for December Steeplechase

THE St. Stephen's Day fixture at Leopardstown is one of the most popular meetings of the year, and the programme for next Thursday should provide a very entertaining afternoon's sport. Although the declared runners will not be announced until to-day, fields promise to be of good strength, and the December Steeplechase has a particularly attractive appearance.

Cabin Fire, one of the best young steeplechasers in training, has an unbeaten record in jumping events, and, though now set a severe task, is certain to make a bold bid. Alphonso, Cupid's Cottage, Nancy's Cottage and Pucka Shikari will be among the field, but as Cabin Fire's form is so consistent one does not like to oppose him, and he is named as the likely winner. Nancy's Cottage is suggested as being the one most likely to cause him trouble.

Mollison should be equal to winning the Christmas Steeplechase, and Cheraboshina looks the best to stand on for the Carrickmines Steeplechase.

Many useful performers on the flat appear among the entries for the Stand Maiden Hurdle Race, and Buckup Bryant, who finished third in the corresponding race last year, should improve upon that form now. Peaceful Princess has been showing such improvement of late as to suggest that she may score again in the Glencairn Hurdle, and Shanty is given the vote for the Ranelagh Flat Race. Selections:—

Stand Maiden Hurdle—**Buckup Bryant.**
Glencairn Hurdle—**Peaceful Princess.**
Carrickmines Steeplechase—**Cheraboshina.**
December Steeplechase—**Cabin Fire.**
Christmas Steeplechase—**Mollison.**
Ranelagh Flat Race—**Shanty.**

1.15—**STAND MAIDEN HURDLE RACE** of 50 sovs. Second 5 sovs., third 2 sovs. 1¼ m. Age st. lb.

SILVERISSA (Mr. F. S. Dowling Ruttle 5 11 10
RED FLAME (Mr. J. T. Rogers) Owner a 11 10
MARIEGOULDE (Mr W. J. Kelly) Owner 5 11 10
SEUIL (Mr. B. Kerr) .....Lenehan a 11 7
TOCSIN (Mr. T. N. Atkinson) ...Arnott 4 11 7
BUCKUP BRYANT (Hon. Brinsley Plunket) .....Arnott 4 11 7
MOUNTAIN BREEZE (Capt. J. Hornsby) .....Lombard 4 10 13
BATTLING LADY (Mr. T. O'Roarke) Owner 4 10 13
JACK ORR (Mr. D. L. Sherlock) 5 10 13
EBANO (Mr. T. King).....Owner 4 10 13
BARRONSTOWN (Mrs. E. M'Ardle) Private 5 10 12
SUCCESS (Mrs. T. Burns).....a 10 12
SHERWOOD KNIGHT (Mr. W. J. Byrne) Owner 5 10 12
KERRY HEAD (Mr. Jas. Clarke) Private 6 10 12
GLENMAROON (Mr. D. Malone) Owner 5 10 12
ROYAL EMPRESS (Mr. John Jos. Murray) 5 10 12
CORRIB LADY (Mrs. T. J. Costelloe) Mangan 3 10 7
FOOL'S PARADISE (Mr. J. J. Parkinson) Owner 3 10 7
COUP DE BOI (Sir Percy Loraine) O'Ferrall 3 10 7
DUNREE (Mr. John Quinn).....Doyle 4 10 7
KNIGHT OF BEPPO (Mr. W. J. Webb) Ashe 3 10 7
DELAY (Mr. A. Willis).....C. Brabazon 3 10 7
MADRIGAL (Mr. E. R. Purdon) Clarke 3 10 7
NANKI POO (Mr. D. Malone)...Owner 3 10 7
SILK GARTER (Mr. J. J. Sullivan) Parkinson 3 10 3
JOLLY TOPER (Mr. J. Kearns) Nugent 3 10 3
DEMOISELLE (Mr. P. J. Lenehan) .....Owner 3 10 3
RONS LET (Mr. D. Murray) ...Owner 3 10 3
KROMLEY (Mr. J. O'Connor) ...Collins 3 10 3
IRISH EVE (Mr. T. O'Roarke) ...Owner 3 10 3

1.40—**GLENCAIRN HURDLE RACE** of 50 sovs. Second 5 sovs., third 2 sovs. A handicap. 1¼ m. Age st. lb.

SPEAKEASY II. (Mr. E. Delany) Owner a 12 7
PEACEFUL PRINCESS (Mr. E. Timmins) Ruttle 6 12 2
COLQUHOUN (Mrs. K. Kelly) W. J. Kelly 4 12 0
DESLA'S HEIR (Mr. A. Nolan)...Ashe 6 11 11
MAGAR (Mr. J. O'Donnell) Quinlan 5 11 3
GAELIC GAME (Mr. J. Joyce) Kirwan 6 11 1
BREAGAN (Miss R. M'Cormack) T. R. M'Keever a 11 0
BEROD'S FANCY (Mr. P. Walsh) Kirwan 6 10 13
MOLESKIN JOE (Mr. D. Malone) Owner 4 10 11
PHILIP'S FANCY (Mr. F. More O'Ferrall) .....O'Ferrall a 10 10
CULTRUMER (Mr. P. J. Leonard) Leonard a 10 3
GREEK SCHOLAR (Mr. John Jackson) Ashe 6 10 1
SPRONACHLER (Mr. O. Fitzpatrick) Owner 4 9 13
CATALOGUE (Mrs. P. J Fleming) Parkinson 5 9 11
FLOWER OF THE WEST (Mr. J. A. Mangan) .....Owner 5 9 8
RON'S DOTE (Mr. D. Murray)...Owner 3 9 7
TAILSHON (Mr. R. Cargill).....Owner a 9 7

2.5—**CARRICKMINES STEEPLECHASE** of 50 sovs. Second 5 sovs., third 2 sovs. A handicap. 2 m. 175 yds.

Age st. lb.

JORTO (Mr. J. Dawson).....Owner 6 12 4
TRIPLE ALLIANCE (Lady FitzGerald Arnott) .....Arnott a 11 13
CHERABOSHINA (Mrs. R. H. Walker) Walker a 11 10
LINBY HALL (Hon. Brinsley Plunket) Arnott a 11 9
SICKLEBAR (Mr. John Kirwan) Owner 5 11 2
STAR FACE (Mrs. M. Purcell) Osborne 5 10 11
CROIX D'OR (Mr. A. Rodgers, jun.) Rodgers a 10 5
THE SWEEP (Miss A. Ryan)...Kirwan 5 10 5
INVERNISK (Mr. A. Barry) Parkinson 4 10 1
BEN EIDER (the late Mr. Jas. Fox) Private a 10 0
DINMORE (Capt. F. ffrench Davies) Owner a 10 0

2.35—**DECEMBER STEEPLECHASE** of 100 sovs. Second 10 sovs., third 5 sovs. A handicap. 3 m. 100 yds. Age st. lb.

HY-SPY (Miss E. B. C. Lindsay) Fetherston a 12 9
HURDY GURDY MAN (Mr. W. P. Hanly) .....Owner a 12 5
CABIN FIRE (Mrs. P. Kiely) Cunningham 4 12 5
TOMMY TAYLOR (Mr A. Willis) Walker a 12 3
FLYING ROSE (Mrs. M. V. Daly) Tesher a 12 0
LIZZIE'S NEPHEW (Mr. A. P. Harris) Owner a 11 4
LADY BARNEY (Mr. T. O'Roarke) Owner a 11 2
ALPHONSO (Mr. R. de L. Stedman) H. Harty 6 10 13
ALICE MAYTHORN (Mr. P. J. Osborne) Osborne 5 10 12
CUPID'S COTTAGE (Mr. Jas. Walsh) Ashe a 10 10
MERRY BATTLE (Mr. J. J Parkinson) Owner 5 10 7
BALLYGREEN (Mr. R. Crotty).....Owner 5 10 2
NANCY'S COTTAGE (Mr. P. Walsh) Kirwan 6 10 2
PUCKA SHIKHARI (Mr. J. A. Mangan) Owner a 10 1
NOBLE TIPP (Mr F. W. E. Gradwell) Owner 6 9 10
JAQUETTE (Mr. J. R. Macomber) Walker 5 9 8
MIRANDA (Mr. R. Cargill).....Owner a 9 7

3.5—**CHRISTMAS STEEPLECHASE** of 50 sovs. Second 5 sovs., third 2 sovs. weight for age. 2 m. 175 yds. Age st. lb.

MOLLISON (Mrs. J. Bennett)...Walker a 12 12
SPEAKEASY II (Mr. E. Delany) Owner a 11 13
ENVY (Mr. Jos. McGrath) .....Ussher 6 11 10
LINBY HALL (Hon. Brinsley Plunket) Arnott a 11 10
PEACEFUL PRINCESS (Mr. E. Timmins) .....Ruttle 6 11 5
SICKLEBAR (Mr. John Kirwan) Owner 5 11 2
NOBLE TIPP (Mr. F. W. E. Gradwell) Owner 6 10 11
GREEK STAR (Mr. J. P. Maher) Nugent 5 10 8
KNIGHT COMMANDER (Mr. Jos. Masterson) .....C. Brabazon 4 10 4
COOL BATTLE (Mr. T. O'Roarke) Owner 4 10 4
ALICE BROWNTHORN (Mr. J. W. Osborne) .....Owner 4 10 4

3.30—**RANELAGH FLAT RACE** of 50 sovs. Second 5 sovs., third 2 sovs. A flat race. 2 m. 75 yds. Age st. lb.

CAREFUL PRINCE (Mrs. C. O'Neill) Deegan 5 11 10
CLATTERBOX (Mr. E. Delany) Owner a 11 10
TOCSIN (Mr. T. N. Atkinson) ...Arnott 4 11 6
CHERRY PIP (Mrs. E. M'Grath) Parkinson 4 11 6
PAT'S COTTAGE (Sir James Nelson) Scott 4 11 6
HOAR ABBEY (Mr. A. P. Harris) Owner 5 11 5
COOLNAHAY (Mr. A. Willis) C. Brabazon a 11 5
SHANTY (Mr. W. W. Ashe) ...Owner 4 11 1
PUCKABOO (Mr. P. M'Cavana) Mangan 4 11 1
MOUNTAIN CITY (Mr. J. H. Nicholls) N. Kelly 4 11 1
FLYING HERMES (Mr. Crotty) Owner 4 11 1
YA YA (Capt. F. ffrench Davis) Owner 4 11 1
SPINTHARIS (Mr. R. J. Power) Owner 6 11 0
REFLECT (Mr. Richard F. Wallace) Curran 6 11 0
SILVER SALT (Mr. Jos. M'Grath) Parkinson 4 10 10
KNOCKMAROON (Mr. D. Malone) Owner 4 10 10
NIEDERGONDERSHAUSEN (Mr. T. H. Kellett) 6 10 9
WESTERN NYASA (Mr. J. S. Leonard) Owner 6 10 9
LIMNA (Miss L. M'Cormick) M'Cormick 4 10 8

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LIMERICK

Gaultier the Likely Winner of the Dunraven Cup

THE holiday meeting at Limerick will be much appreciated by Southern racegoers, whose "off" period from racing is of longer duration than that in the Dublin district. Hurdy Gurdy Man, who has not run since winning at Punchestown, will be a starter for the Dunraven Cup. He will have his work cut out, however, to account for some of the more lightly-weighted candidates, such as Gaultier and Comeragh Lass. The former of this pair is named as the likely winner. Selections:—

Greenpark Plate—**Silly.**
Holiday Plate—**Oak Lass.**
Dunraven Cup—**Gaultier.**
St. Stephen's Day Plate—**Inveraxe.**
December Plate—**Fairy Wings.**

1.30—**GREENPARK PLATE** of 50 sovs. Second 5 sovs. A hurdle race. 1¼ m. Age st. lb.

SILLY (Mr. W. Kennedy) .....Perry a 11 10
HALF PRICE (Mr. B. Sheil Walshe) Quinlan 5 11 10
RHEIMSMORE (Mr. D. P. O'Brien) Owner 4 11 7
BACHELOR'S TAX (Miss L. Kelly) O'Meara 5 10 12
FAIR OUTLOOK (Mr. Villiers Morton) .....Perry 4 10 12
JACKINETTE (Mr. W. O. Welply)—.....— 5 10 12
ROSE GARDEN (Mr. T. A. O'Gorman) Owner 5 10 12
GENTLE GIRL (Mr. J. T. Purcell) Owner 6 10 12
SYNOVIA (Mr. C. Ryan) .....Owner 5 10 12
ATONE (Mr. J. O'Leary).....Private 4 10 12
MAIDUGURI (Mr. Thomas P. O'Brien) Private 5 10 12
FLAME OF THE FOREST (Mrs. J. Tonson-Rye) .....Delmege 3 10 7
ORVPED (Mr. A. E. Ellis) ....Keating 3 10 7
KNOCKEA (Mr. T. Foley).....Owner 3 10 2
SILVER LADY (Mr. J. P. Hogan) Owner 3 10 2
KARABELL (Mr. D. F. Hurley) T. Hyde 3 10 2
KIRKEWHITE (Mr. T. Hyde) ...Owner 3 10 2
THE OLD CAMPAIGNER (Mr. Jas. O'Brien) .....Owner a n.q.

2.0—**HOLIDAY PLATE** of 50 sovs. Second 5 sovs. A handicap hurdle race. 2 m.

HOAR ABBEY (Mr. A. P. Harris) Owner 5 12 5
FARRABOY (Mr. E. O'Shaughnessy) Perry a 12 5
KYRAT (Mr. Jas. O'Connor) .....Private 5 12 5
ANTIPAS (Mr. B. J. Hilliard) O'Ferrall 4 12 0
EN ROUTE (Mr. T. Keays).....Owner a 11 10
BACHELOR'S LANE (Mr. E. T. O'Meara) O'Meara 6 11 9
COOLAGOWAN (Mr. J. Egan).....Nunan a 11 9
STORNAMOND (Mrs. T. Nunan) Nunan 6 11 6
MAYBIRD (Mr. F. S. Ringwood) de Bromhead 6 11 4
GOLDEN ISLAND (Mr. P. A. Kirby) H. Harty 5 11 3
OAK LASS (Mr. M. Keogh)...C. Ryan 5 11 2
TANSY (Mr. D. P. O'Brien).....Owner a 11 1
MOLINO (Mr. J. J. Sullivan) Parkinson 4 10 10
OUR TONE (Mr. J. P. O'Donnell) Quinlan 6 10 7
EASTER LILY (Mr. T. F. O'Hara) Owner 4 10 5
MUN KENNEDY (Mr. John O'Neill) C. O'Neill a 10 3
EDERMINE (Mr. C. Ryan).....Owner a 10 0

2.30—**THE DUNRAVEN CUP**, value 50 sovs. (presented by the Right Hon. Earl of Dunraven), with 75 sovs. added. Second 10 sovs., third 5 sovs. A handicap steeplechase. 3 m. Age st. lb.

HURDY GURDY MAN (Mr. W. P. Hanly) .....Owner a 12 7
LIZZIE'S NEPHEW (Mr. A. P. Harris) Owner a 11 8
ROWLAND QUEEN (Mr. J. Tobin) Keating a 11 3
BOHERCROW (Mr. E. T. O'Meara) Owner 6 11 0
COMERAGH LASS (Mr. E. Connolly) Owner a 10 11
BALLYGREEN (Mr. R. Crotty) Owner 5 10 6
MANY IDEAS (Mr. E. L. Lloyd) H. Harty 6 10 3
GAULTIER (Mr. M. O'Regan) Kirwan a 10 2
EAMON NO SLIAB (Mr. T. A. O'Gorman) .....Owner a 10 1
SELF DEFENCE (Mr. J. V. Rank) Fetherston a 10 1
MUSICAL HOLIDAY (Miss F. Cronin) Lombard 5 10 0
LION D'OR (Mr. W. Prendergast) Perry a 9 7

3.0—**ST. STEPHEN'S DAY PLATE** of 50 sovs., second 5 sovs. A welter flat race. 2 m. Age st. lb.

ANTIPAS (Mr. B. J. Hilliard) O'Ferrall 4 13 2
DELIO CLANCY (Mr. John O'Neill) C. O'Neill 5 12 12
BRIGHTER COTTAGE (Mr. Villiers Morton) .....Perry 5 12 5
FLYING HERMES (Mr. R. Crotty) Owner 4 12 2
THE OLD CAMPAIGNER (Mr. Jas. O'Brien) .....Owner a 11 12
ALLENBURY (Mr. J. F. O'Connor) Owner a 11 12
SPINTHARIS (Mr. R. J. Power)...Owner 6 11 12
LOCH DERG (Miss M. Hartigan) Private 5 11 7
GLENAROLD (Mr. Richard Quinlan) Quinlan 5 11 7
THE CENTURION (Mrs. J. P. Hogan) J. P. Hogan 5 11 7
WATERDALE (Mr. J. F. Hogan) Private 5 11 7
ROWLAND PRINCE (Mr. E. T. O'Meara) .....O'Meara a 11 7
INVERAXE (Capt. W. Molony) Private 5 11 7
GO AS YOU PLEASE (Mr. R. F. P. Cameron) .....T. Hyde 4 11 4
ACCEPTABLE (Col. G. W. Stacpoole) H. Harty 4 11 4
FLYING OJO (Mr. J. P. Hogan)...Owner 4 11 4
STAND ALLOWAY (Mr. J. P. M'Auley) H. Harty 4 11 4

3.30—**DECEMBER PLATE** of 50 sovs. Second 5 sovs. A weight for age steeplechase. 2 m. 200 yds. Age st. lb.

FAIRY WINGS (Miss L. Delmege) Delmege a 11 12
BALRENNETT LAD (Mr. Jos. Carey) Carey a 11 12
FESTINA (Mr. N. D. Mahony).....Owens a 11 12
MANY IDEAS (Mr. E. L. Lloyd) H. Harty 6 11 7
ALLENBURY (Mr. J. F. O'Connor) Owner a 10 13
SUNNY PICTURE (Mr. J. H. de Bromhead) .....Owner 5 10 7
THE PIKE (Mr. W. Brown).....Private a 10 7
ALDER PAGE (Mr. Maurice Moore) Private a 10 7
KILCASH CROSS (Mr. Villiers Morton) Perry 5 10 7
COTTAGE DUST (Mr. E. T. O'Meara) O'Meara 6 10 7
MR. JINGLE (Mr. Thomas P. O'Brien) Private a 10 7
AWARD (Mr. W. Prendergast).....Perry a 10 7
SINGLE BEN (Mr. H. M. Thompson) Owner 6 10 7
BOREEN (Mrs. A. H. Watt).....Stafford 5 10 7
SARDIS (Mr. Richard Quinlan)...Quinlan 6 10 7
KILPEACON (Mrs. R. O'Kelly)....Private 6 10 7
LITTLE COLLEEN II. (Mr. M. J. Hyde) Owner 4 10 0
BALLINCURRIG COTTAGE (Mr. T. P. Lenahan) .....Private 4 10 0
CAPPAPOI (Mr. W. Murphy).....Owner 4 10 0
LOUGH EDGAR (Mr. W. Murphy)..Owner 4 10 0
DERRYKYLE (Mrs. J. S. Shepherd) Private 4 10 0

POOR PROSPECTS FOR RACING IN ENGLAND

It would appear that only an early and quick thaw can save racing in England on Boxing Day. Mr. Walter Hyde, the secretary at Kempton Park, would make no statement yesterday concerning the prospects, except that an official announcement would be made in due course. Frost has been very severe in the district for the last three days.

That racing is almost certain not to be practicable at Sedgefield is the opinion of Mr. G. D. Mulcaster, the Clerk of the Course. There is no snow on the course, but the frost has a very firm hold.

The frost is also very severe in the Wolverhampton district. Mr. Hancock, the Clerk of the Course, said it would have been impossible to have raced there yesterday, and that prospects are not hopeful.

According to rule, a postponement or abandonment cannot be made before noon on the day preceding that on which the meeting takes place. Thus any announcements would have to be deferred until Christmas Day.

The four-year-old Grey Carey, formerly trained by Basil Jarvis at Newmarket, has left for J. W. Bisgood's place at Aston Tirrold.

KEMPTON PARK CARD

1.0—**CHISWICK SELLING HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE** of 150 sovs. 3 m. Age st. lb.

SYDNEY (Mr. J. R. Williamson) Hemsworth a 12 7
DROSS (Mr. J. Pendarves) ...Pendarves a 12 5
PRIMROSE KNIGHT (Capt. R. M. Fanshawe) .....Woodland a 12 0
GOOD EYE (Mr. B. Carter) .....Freake a 11 13
QUERIST (Mr. H. E. Whiteman) Owner 6 11 10
WHITE BRIDGE (Capt. W. R. West) J. Hall 11 7
PURE KNIGHT (Mr. J. R. Canty) Canty a 11 7
DON ZUNIGA (Mr. K. Goode) ...Goode a 11 4
FAINT PROSPECT (Mr. Dennistoun) Fail 6 11 3
GREEN POLLY (Mr. P. Herbert) Pendarves 6 11 2
TRUE BLUE (Mr. G. Dudley) (7lb. ex.) J. Nightingall a 10 7
KNAVE OF KILDARE (Mr. F. Pratt) F. Morgan a 10 4
POMPEE (Mr. C. A. M. Freake) Freake 6 10 3
AIRBLOOM (Lt.-Col. G. Middleton) Willett a 10 0
ISFANDIAR (Mr. F. E. Peck) F. Gurney a 10 0

Form. Probable Starters and Jockeys. Betting Forecast.
003 DROSS .....W. Davies 10/1
122 PRIMROSE KNIGHT .....Owner 6/1
010 GOOD EYE .....B. Carter 8/1
0 QUERIST .....Mr. A. B. Mildmay 100/6
433 PURE KNIGHT .....R. McCarthy 4/1
022 FAINT PROSPECT .....Owner 8/1
441 TRUE BLUE .....T. Isaac 7/4
000 KNAVE OF KILDARE ..T. F. Morgan 100/6
004 AIRBLOOM .....—— 100/6
020 ISFANDIAR .....—— 100/6
W. Parvin rides either Don Zuniga or Airbloom.

1.30—**KEW SELLING HURDLE RACE** of 200 sovs. For three-year-olds only. 1¼m. Age st. lb.

PAMPADULAR (Mr. W. Arrowsmith) Owner 11 0
CURIOUS (Mrs. R. Barrow) .....Private 11 0
BIRTHDAY HONOUR (Mr. G. Bennett) Owner 11 0
SIMPLE ANN (Mr. M. H. Benson) Whitaker 11 0
BORDER LASS (Mr. J. T. C. Burn) Burn 11 0
SEA PRIDE (Mr. L. P. Collett) J. Waugh 11 0
LETSGO (Mr. H. Collins) .....Winter 11 0
ASTON ABBOTS (Mr. R. C. Dawson) Curzon-Howe 11 0
SILVER CAP (Mr. A. D.-Pennant) Owner 11 0
RAVISHER (Mr. S. Freeman) J. Reardon 11 0
COGITATOR (Mr. R. L. Glassopod) Payne 11 0
GAY HUSSAR (Mrs. M. Goodfellow) Langlands 11 0
DUREX (Col. F. T. Halse) W. Nightingall 11 0
ST. KITTS (Mr. G. W. Hands) .....Saxby 11 0
SEAFARING (Mrs. C. E. Hardwicke) Hardwicke 11 0
MAE WEST (Mr. A. Law) .....Law 11 0
TRANSCENDENTAL GOLD (Mr. Lundy) J. Beary 11 0
CANNY LOO (Miss I. Mairs) .....Mairs 11 0
GLEAMER (Mr. J. V. Rank) .....Evans 11 0
VEINARDE (Mrs. H. R. Mosenthal) R. Adams 11 0
GAY ADVENTURE (Mr. W. Nightingall) Owner 11 0
WHIZBANG (Mr. W. B. Ridsdel) ...Macnee 11 0
EVENING LULLABY (Mr. A. Sainsbury) H. Smyth 11 0
MRS. GRUNDY (Mrs. S. Savile) ...J. Beary 11 0
SOLDIER LAD (Mr. V. T. Thompson) F. Hartigan 11 0
RUSY DAY (Mrs. J. B. Walker) ...Sneyd 11 0
QUIRINAL (Mr. G. Whitelaw) .....W. Stubbs 11 0
HIJITO (Mrs. G. Whitelaw) ...W. Stubbs 11 0

Form. Probable Starters and Jockeys. Betting Forecast.
04 BIRTHDAY HONOUR .....—— 4/1
0 SIMPLE ANN .....—— 20/1
214 BORDER LASS .....D. Beeforth 20/1
1 LETSGO .....—— 2/1
00 RAVISHER .....S. Ingham 8/1
1 COGITATOR .....T. Isaac 10/1
00 ST. KITTS .....Colin Richards 20/1
043 TRANSCENDENTAL GOLD M. Doherty 8/1
H. Nicholson 20/1
043 GLEAMER .....—— 20/1
131 WHIZBANG .....W. Parvin 6/1
00 EVENING LULLABY .....K. Piggott 20/1
04 SOLDIER LAD .....—— 20/1
031 QUIRINAL .....G. Wilson 6/1

2.0—**LONSDALE HURDLE RACE** of 400 sovs. 2 m. Age st. lb.

CACTUS II. (Mrs. G. Whitelaw) Stubbs 5 12 10
TINKER (Mr. G. Whitelaw) .....W. Stubbs 5 11 13
PATRIMONY (Maj. T. Bardwell) Delaney 4 12 5
SNOOKER (Mr. H. J. Joel)...Whitaker 5 11 12
HOLBETON POINT (Lord Mildmay) Harrison 5 11 10
KING OF CADONIA (Mr. J. V. Rank) Evans 5 11 12
ROYAL TRUST (Maj. N. Furlong) Owner 5 11 12

SELECTIONS

Chiswick Steeplechase—**Faint Prospect.**
Kew Hurdle—**Birthday Honour.**
Lonsdale Hurdle—**Tinker** (nap).
Oatlands Steeplechase—**Coolavach.**
Christmas Steeplechase—**Barrator.**
Twickenham Hurdle—**Blue Shirt.**

DOUBLE FOR THURSDAY.

Tinker (Kempton) and **Loyal Prince** (Wolverhampton).

BACHELOR PHILIP (Mr. F. A. Clark) I. Anthony 4 11 7
SPANISH STATE (Lord Hamilton) R. Adams 4 11 7
MISTRESS OF ARTS (Lady Houston) W. Nightingal 4 11 7
TRAGEDIAN (Mr. P. Johnson) C. Langlands 4 11 7
ROMAN CHIEF (Mr. W. Nicholson) Owner a 11 10
GARNEMUTHA (Mr. R. E. Parker) R. Parker 4 11 7
EASTER RUSH (Mr. S. Wilkinson) T. R. Leader 4 11 7
SINDHI (Mr. W. T. Ancil) .....Ancil 3 10 7
LE PETIT PIERROT (Mr. H. T. Hollaway) .....Woodland 3 10 7
FLYING TORCH (Mr. T. Richards) W. Nightingall 3 10 7
IDTOI (Mr. A. E. Berry).....Gosden 3 10 0
BOWAY (Mrs. F. Stephens).....Blair 3 10 0
TRIBULATION (Capt. H. Broughton) Pease 3 10 0
RHODEUS (Mr. Z. G. Michalinos) I. Anthony 3 10 0
FINEWEED (Capt. L. Montagu) .....Earl 3 10 0
MYTHICAL MONK (H.H. M. of Rajpipla) Duller 3 10 0
SEVEN STONES (Lord Stalbridge) Stalbridge 3 10 0
NIGHT OWL (Mr. J. H. Whitney) I. Anthony 3 10 0

Form. Probable Starters and Jockeys. Betting Forecast.
211 TINKER .....G. Wilson 7/4
112 PATRIMONY .....Capt. R. Moseley 6/1
0 SNOOKER .....—— 8/1
430 HOLBETON POINT .....Mr. H. B. Mildmay 10/1
300 KING OF CADONIA .....—— 100/6
010 BACHELOR PHILLIP ....E. Williams 100/6
43 SPANISH STATE .....S. Ingham 15/2
0 ROMAN CHIEF .....—— 100/6
0 EASTER RUSH .....—— 100/6
310 SINDHI .....—— 100/6
310 LE PETIT PIERROT .....T. McNeil 7/2
1 FLYING TORCH .....J. Marshall 8/1
00 IDTOI .....S. Magee 100/6
0 BOWAY .....H. Nicholson 100/6
0 TRIBULATION .....—— 100/6
NIGHT OWL .....—— 8/1

2.30—**OATLANDS MODERATE HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE** of 300 sovs. 2 m. 4 f. 90 yds. Age st. lb.

ARMAGNAC (Mrs. M. Buchanan) F. Hartigan a 12 4
TEME STAR (Mr. H. B. Brandt) James a 12 1
MORSE CODE (Capt J. W. Bridges) I. Anthony 6 11 12
COOLAVACH (Ld. Stalbridge) ...Owner a 11 11
LINDBERGH (Capt. G. R. Westmacott) Gosden 6 11 10
FOUQUET (Mr. M. Blair).....Blair a 11 10
GRAPPLER (Mr. F. Sedgwick) G. Wilson a 11 10
LOVELY HEROD (Sir W. Chilcott) Owner a 11 10
VILIGENT (Col. Halse) W. Nightingall 5 11 10
FLYING MINUTES (Mrs. F. A. Clark) R. Hobbs 5 11 8
LESTERRIDGE (Mr. H. Clifton) ...Earl a 11 8
THRUMSTER (Mrs. V. Harmsworth) Poole a 11 1
REBEL SOLDIER (Mr. L. Lillingston) Owner a 11 0
ZAG (Capt. O. P.-Palmer) .....Private a 10 13
WOOLLY (Mr. C. A. Lundy)....J. Beary a 10 12
BLAZE (Sir E. Wills).....Nugent 6 10 10

Form. Probable Starters and Jockeys. Betting Forecast.
032 TEMPLE STAR .....T. Dart 10/1
MORSE CODE .....—— 9/4
031 COOLAVACH .....Mr. F. Walwyn 5/1
130 FOUQUET .....C. Hook 100/6
100 GRAPPLER .....G. Wilson 100/6
001 LOVELY HEROD .....P. Kirby 7/1
104 VILIGENT .....H. Nicholson 100/6
222 FLYING MINUTES .....F. Maxwell 7/2
040 LESTERRIDGE .....G. Archibald 8/1
000 THRUMSTER .....M. Thery 100/6
040 REBEL SOLDIER .....Owner 100/6
324 WOOLLY .....M. Doherty 100/6
323 BLAZE .....W. Parvin 100/6

3.0—**CHRISTMAS HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE** of 200 sovs. 2 m. Age st. lb.

HEAVY (Capt. L. Montagu) .....Earl 5 12 7
THE SPIDER (Mr. Herbert) Pendarves 6 12 5
LINDBERGH (Capt. Westmacott) Gosden 6 12 3
TUFTY (Lt. R. H. Courage) ...Courage 6 12 3
ALARMIST (Mr. A. E. Berry)...Gosden a 12 2
FLYING MINUTES (Mrs. F. A. Clark) R. Hobbs 5 12 1
OLIVER CROMWELL (Mr. D. R. Daly) J. Hall a 12 0
SOLIPED (Mr. L. Niddiich) ...Hedges a 12 0
SEA ROVER (Mr. G. Henderson) Hammett a 11 12
STARS AND STRIPES (Mr. F. A. Clark) (7lb ex.) .....I. Anthony 6 11 12
LIGHTS OF WESTMINSTER (Mr. T. C. Mann) .....Nunneley a 11 11
ROW ON (Mr. Eric Platt) .....Poole a 11 9
BARRATOR (Mr. F. W. Shenstone) W. Nightingall 5 11 8
LYNTON (Mr. M. Stephens) .....Blair a 11 8
REBEL SOLDIER (Mr L. Lillingston) Owner a 11 6
FIELD MASTER (Mr. H. Brandt) James a 11 6
KILSHANNIG (Mr. H. C. Leader) T. R. Leader 5 11 4
ARC DE TRIOMPHE (Mr. J. L. Hall) J. Hall 6 11 3
SUNBEE (Mr. A. Sainsbury) H. Smyth 5 11 1
WOOLLY (Mr. C. A. Lundy) ...J. Beary a 10 12
VIVE L'AMOUR (Lady S. Phipps) I. Anthony a 10 11
MUTUAL BENEFIT (Mr. A. Miller) Private a 10 9
SQUIRE MORRIS (Sir E. Wills) Nugent a 10 9
PALAIS DE DANSE (Mr. C. J. Forbes) T. Cullinan 6 10 7
BLUFFER (Comdr. A. V. Courage) Courage a 10 0

Form. Probable Starters and Jockeys. Betting Forecast.
024 THE SPIDER .....—— 8/1
020 ALARMIST .....G. Wilson 6/1
222 FLYING MINUTES .....—— 7/2
131 LIGHTS OF WESTMINSTER M. Feakes 20/1
041 ROW ON .....M. Thery 20/1
014 BARRATOR .....H. Nicholson 6/1
013 LYNTON .....C. Hook 10/1
040 REBEL SOLDIER .....Owner 20/1
200 FIELD MASTER .....T. Dart 5/2
304 KILSHANNING .....M. Pringle 20/1
010 ARC DE TRIOMPHE .....Mr. Cazalet 20/1
310 SUNBEE .....R. Piggott 20/1
324 WOOLLY .....M. Doherty 20/1
000 VIVE L'AMOUR .....E. Williams 20/1
301 SQUIRE MORRIS .....W. Parvin 20/1
043 PALAIS DE DANSE .....—— 20/1

3.30—**TWICKENHAM HANDICAP HURDLE RACE** of 200 sovs. 2 m. Age st. lb.

STRAIGHT LARCH (Mrs. Jones) G. Langlands 5 12 7
MA-CHIN-ON (Comdr. P. C. de Crespigny) Tabor 5 12 3
BRIGHT ARMOUR (Mrs. Livingstone) G. Langlands 5 12 2
BLUE SHIRT (Mr. A. Sainsbury) (7lb. ex.) .....H. Smyth 4 11 13
SCARPANTO (Mr. A. Donn) ...W. Payne a 11 11
MILANO (Mr. L. E. Stoddard) I. Anthony 4 11 9
ROIBELL (Lt-Col. W. Wilson) Nunneley 5 11 8
MATONA (Mrs K. Kelly) C. W. Nightingall 5 11 6
TIMOGUE (Mr. H. Brandt).....James 6 11 6
MESMERIST (Mr. A. Berry).....Gosden 4 11 3
POMPOSA (Mr. F. Sedgwick) G. Wilson 4 11 2
MISS DIPLOMAT (Sir H. Lyons) Sneyd 5 10 11
ABBOT'S OWN (Mrs. E. Scott) Roberts 4 10 8
LANCEHEAD (Mr. H. A. S. Clarke) Woodland 4 10 6
SKY KNIGHT (Mr. N. Prinsep) Bankier 4 10 4
CESARION (Mr. A. Barclay)....Hedges 4 10 3
GIPSY LAD (Mr. T. Walton).....Grace 5 10 3

Form. Probable Starters and Jockeys. Betting Forecast.
103 MA-CHIN-ON .....G. Pellerin 13/2
211 BRIGHT ARMOUR .....—— 6/4
011 BLUE SHIRT .....K. Piggott 4/1
000 SCARPANTO .....T. Isaac 100/6
010 DALAPAIX .....J. Moloney 100/8
100 MATONA .....J. Marshall 10/1
010 TIMOGUE .....—— 100/6
MESMERIST .....E. Brown 8/1
221 JACKAL .....J. Ward 5/1
or
120 JACK GRANGE .....J. Ward 5/1
042 CUBICLE .....G. Owen 7/2
131 TRESCA .....E. Brown 8/1
100 PROVOCATIVE .....J. Hamey 100/8
020 ASCETIC'S PRIDE .....—— 100/8
130 TOM OLIVER .....D. Morgan 6/1
200 LOYAL PRINCE .....J. Moloney 2/1

2.15—**RUCKLEY HANDICAP HURDLE RACE.** Age st. lb.

PATRIMONY (Maj. T. Bardwell) Delaney 4 12 0
BALLYFOX (Comdr. N. Whitehead) Lyde 4 11 11
GREAT DANE (Mr. W. Murray)..Norris 5 11 8
CARTER BAR (Mr. F. A. Brown) F. Brown 4 11 8
FERRULE (Mr. T. R. Rimell) ...Rimell a 11 7
HIGH TREASON (Mr. Whitelaw) Stubbs 5 11 6
CHALO (Mr. J. H. Gordon) O. Anthony 5 11 4
BANNER KNIGHT (Mr. W. Webster) Seymour 6 11 4
PONESSAN (Mrs. A. S. Kilpatrick) H. Harrison 6 11 3
NORMAN KNIGHT (Mr. Dixon) Easterby 6 10 13
GITAPP (Mrs. F. Ambrose Clark) I. Anthony 4 10 13
ANGUS (Mr. H. Lygon) .....C. Birch 6 10 13
BURNHAM JUNIOR (Mrs. N. Roberts) Roberts 4 10 12
MANCHESTER CITY (Sir A. McAlpine) Barthropp 4 10 11
BLACK ADMIRAL (Mr. A. Woodford) Lefebvre a 10 11
GOLDJACK (Mrs. P. Dennis) P. Dennis 6 10 11
SNOWFLAKE (Mr. A. Marsh) A. Marsh 6 10 11
DONE AGAIN (Mr. W. Greenwood) H. Harrison 6 10 10
UNISON (Mr. J. Lucas) .....F. Brown 5 10 9
TWOLUCS (Mr. De Vere Clifton) Private 3 10 7
DOUBLE PAY (Mr. Arm) ...Barthropp a 10 6
MUTE SWAN (Mrs. H. S. Martin) Gwilt a 10 5
LYCURGUS (Lt.-Col. A. Northcott) Lyde a 10 4
GOLDEN CROWN (Mrs. Wootton) Duffy 5 10 3
THE SMILER (Mrs. Margesson) J. Hall 5 10 0
AVONMOUTH (Sir James Croft) J. Hall a 10 0
THIRD DEGREE (Mr. Tyser) H. Brown a 10 0

Form. Probable Starters and Jockeys. Betting Forecast

Draws for Boxing Day Coursing Meetings

DUNDALK

Judge—Mr. J. J. Rea. Slipper—P. Leech.

TRIAL STAKE (15 dog puppies)—Middle Bend v. Royal Bavin; Park Pride v. Jovial Wind; Sparrshot v. Single Purchase; Rathneety Chap v. Green Island Laddie; Carnmeen v. Irish Banker; Hasty Temper v. Crazy Croupier; Brighter Kilkeel v. Border Banker; Brown Jack a bye.

TRIAL STAKE (15 bitch puppies)—Rebel Hill v. Sun Shower; Nobby's Sister v. Lady of the Night; Streamstown Blue v. Moonfire; My Blade v. Myopia; Jovial Sonsstress v. Kim's Chum; Lucky Town v. Rover Lily; Easter Tide v. Glenmore Queen; Lady Mourne, a bye.

McALINDEN CUP (16 all-ages)—Sweepings v. Lone Editor; Baby Mutton v. Solenoid; Flying Heart v. Strokestown Star; Rebel Prince v. Border Flier; Border Level v. Craugh Cutlet; Dashing Courier v. Frontier Cutlet; Golden Clipper v. Silverbridge Hope; Cunning Bird v. Gifted Cellist

MOORELAND STAKES (16 no-course maidens). Bag of Slack v. White Charmer; Middle June v. Smuggled Mutton; Loo Bridge v. Bagie's Breaker; King of the Nile v. Carnban; Richmond's Appeal v. Skelling Waves; Glendeisha v. Guard's Guide; Boardsmill Beauty v. Joyful Midget; Miss Beginner v. Griffin's Choice.

DUNDALK STAKES (31 2-course maidens)—Glack Hero v. Betioran Lad; Garryshane v. Old Dido; Middle Joint v. Banker Boyle; Long Eddie v. Fawn's Hill; Captain Half v. Whitehouse Cross; Breeze Gent v. Border Bluff; Master Rearing v. Shelinadh; King's Highway v. Hero's Model; Faitha River v. Old Crow; Sefton Park v. Fool's Corner; Lone Man's Son v. Parsonstown Swallow; Third Cutlet v. Queen of the Blues; Blackstream Lass v. Streamstown Flash; Robin's Dawn v. Philipstown Swallow; Lone Biddy v. Happy Half; Rebel Music Mad, a bye.

DOWDALLSHILL STAKE (19 one-course maidens)—Down to You v. Blackrock Hero; Wild Mouse v. Freedom's Flag; Cambric Bridge v. Deeside Beauty; Drummullar Champion v. Bank Ladder; Comrade Dan v. Spree Boy John; Bright Honour v. Rennery; Rampart Boy v. Gobble All; Sailor's Fancy v. Abundant Energy; Warrior Lass v. Tubbernault; Barleyfield Queen, a bye.

RAVENSDALE STAKE (16 no-course maidens). Crescent Guide v. Presto Jim; What's the Odds v. Tip Hero; Maristal v. Rice's Bridge; Enchanted Earl v. Drumhilla Last; Let It Be So v. Big Brian; One's Enough v. Larkin's Cross; Happy Eagle v. Annie's Pilot; Come Hurrah v. Rosskeagh Stewardess.

Order of Running:—First day, Ravensdale Stake; Dog Trial Stake; twice through Dowdallshill and Dundalk Stakes. First brace in slips, 11.30.

BALLYMENA

BALLYGARVEY STAKE (16 puppies)—Mr. R. Houston's Old Step v. Mr. S. Kissock's General White; Mr. H. M. Colville's Crooked Thorn v. Messrs. J. and E. McKenna's Magnetic Meadow; Mr. Kane's Son of the Rock v. Miss E. Houston's Princes Dock; Mr. T. McCurdy's McCurdy's Best v. Mr. W. Henry's Hero Blue Bird; Mr. S. Marks's Myroe Treasure v. Mr. J. McIlwaine's Silver Maple; Mr. W. Black's Spot Glenarm v. Mr. T. Neill's Mignette; Mr. R. Sterling's Moira Battler v. Mrs. J. Burns's Border Buzzer.

McALINDEN CUP (9 all-ages)—Mr. Maginnis's Margaret's Darling v. Mr. F. Rooney's Captain Sam; Mr. J. McCormick's Shimna Boy v. Mr. J. McCullough's Ballykeel William; Mr. J. Toyes' The Great v. Mr. F. Smith's King Salmon; Mr. T. Neill's Jack Pep v. Messrs. J. and E. McKenna's Majestic Meadow; Mr. W. Sinnott's Maiden's Dream a bye.

MEMBERS' STAKE (14 dog puppies)—Mr. J. Graham's Graham's Gallant v. Mr. M. Hall's Eastcraigh Crescent; Mr. J. McCoomb's Andy's Turn v. Mr. S. Kissock's Kernoghan; Mr. P. Magill's Naps Joe v. Mr. D. Monteith's Mooreland Playboy; Mr. D. McLaughlin's Carnation Lad v. Miss A. McKenna's My Son; Mr. W. Henry's Humble Barney v. Mr. W. Wilson's Swan Shot; Mr. B. Cooper's Cylba v. Mr. F. Moore's Fly Member; Mr. J. Wright's Another Circle v. Mr. A. Henry's Aughaboy Seal.

MEMBERS' STAKE "B" (8 puppies)—Mr. Wilson's Duck Shot v Mr. S. Warmington's Wyanna's Joker; Mr. H. Clement's Crumlin Blue v. Mr. P. Howard's Hammerless; Mr. J. Hillis's Miss Collector v. Mr. J. Graham's Kareful Kate; Mr. J. McCartney's Muggs Egg v. Mr. Toye's Kia's Maine.

MEMBERS' STAKE "C" (16 2-course all-ages)—Mr. R. Tottie's Clonjakon Boy v. Mr. H. Musson's Mourne Inn; Mr. J. McNabb's Ring Surprise v. Mr. J. McNinch's Mild Whiskey; Mr. J. Graham's Garvey Lad v. Mr. F. Smith's Brief Moment; Mr. J. Crooks's Oderfleet Castle v. Mr. W. Huxley's Freemanstown; Mr. H. McAllister's Beauty Form v Mr. L. Roddy's Neiden's Carneer; Mr. J. Banks's Legmore Lad v. Mr. Milverns's McMaster's Fancy; Mr. W. Wilson's Rockgrove Lad v. Mr. P. Duffy's Brandy Bill; Mr. T. Kirkham's Black Pansy v. Mr. J. Sullivan's Seveto Time.

MEMBERS' STAKE "D" (8 2-course all-ages)—Mr. R. J. Johnston's Brida Wreath v. Mrs. E. Maclean's Donaghadee; Mr. J. Crooks's Red Brilliant v. Mr. F. Moore's Fancy Footsteps; Mr. A. Henry's Aughaboy Girl v. Mr. H. Finlay's Biddy Travers; Mr. J. H. Darragh's Anvil Melody v. Mr. Taggart's Ballyverastown.

The grounds will be inspected at noon to-day, and in the event of frost necessitating a postponement notification will be given to all nominators.

OMAGH

Judge—Mr. M. Walsh. Slipper—J. J. Culligan.

STREAMSTOWN CUP and STAKE (16 puppies)—Mr. J. Clarke's Panter's Stop v. Mr. L. Brady's Kilcully Pride; Mr. E. Bray's Inexplicable Ritticks v. Miss G. Gavan's Fierce Gougar; Mr. L. O'Connor's Kitty's Badger v. Mr. M. Ennis's Golden Hills; Mr. F. Duncan's Veigo v. Mrs. Dolan's Doubtful News; Mrs. M. Flynn's Flynn's Own v. Mr. M. Clancy's Flying Cat; Mr. T. Kelly's Swiss Lad v. Mr. H. Macken's Mascot; Mr. B. Clyne's Quick Pine v. Mr. Davitt's Newbrook; Mr. M. McDonnell's Moate Division v. Mr. P. Loughran's Castle Forb.

MIDDLETON PARK CUP AND STAKE (16 all-ages)—Mr. J. Maguire's Silent Clonmoyle v. Miss B. O'Reilly's Balmoral; Mr. B. Daly's Barefoot Dunce v. Miss A. Byrne's Battle of Limerick; Mr. M. Gibney's Highfield Star v. Mr. J. Fitzsimon's Rockett's Edition; Mr. M. Murtagh's Golden Clyde v. Mr. B. J. Ennis's Konoungo; Mr. H. L'Estrange's Cool Robber v. Mr. T. Daly's Fair Warrior; Miss Carty's Grafted Rose v. Mr. C. Cuskelly's Hidden Stream; Mr. C. Coogan's Cheerful Fertha v. Mr. P. Kearney's Kindness; Mrs. Tobin's Hearty Nancy v. Miss J. Moore's Lawyer's Waitress.

CASTLETOWN STAKE (16 two-course maidens)—Mr. H. McCormack's Fantastic Hero v. Mr. F. Clarke's Bolting Rover; Mr. P. Kiernan's Cool Shark v. Miss N. Kearney's Katie Veka; Mr. H. L'Estrange's Captured Rogue v. Mr. J. Kelly's No Tax; Mr. C. M. Fagan's Prudent William v. Mrs. J. Maguire's Random Mark; Mr. F. Duncan's Halston Lodge v. Mr. P. Dunne's Tangle Again; Mr. P. Gilligan's Tailor's Clipping v. Mr. J. Tormey's Bunbrusna Hawk; Miss Lynch's Canal Crossing v. Mr. M. Holdwright's Grangeheg Girl; Mr. T. Nevin's Easter Joy v. Mr. H. Bayley's Bashful Lass.

RATHDRISHOGUE STAKE No. 1 (16 one-course maidens)—Mr. M. Slattery's Timid Eagle v. Mr. G. Leech's Lonely Cutlet; Miss Daly's Seldom from Home v. Mr. J. Marshall's Nulgs Rover; Mr. W. Bouligen's Nelson's Pillar v. Miss Hannon's Shamrock Land; Mr. J. Kelly's Bective Hero v. Miss Grimes's Gar Boy; Mr. M. Reidy's Ruby Carboy v. Mr. J. Dove's The Moulder; Miss Fetherstonhaugh's Lingari v. Miss McManus's Betsy Warrior; Mr. F. O'Meara's Hope o' Mine v. Mr. A. Murphy's Weird Wand; Mr. W. Cleary's Editor's Lady v. Mr. J. Tormey's Cutie Hawk.

RATHDRISHOGUE STAKE No. 2 (16 one-course maidens)—Mr. D. Reid's Icycle John v. Miss Moran's Lisavra Flyer; Mr. J. Stevens's Delightful Bill v. Mr. J. Geoghegan's Ballot; Mr. J. Doyle's Jack the Miller v. Mr. M. Kiernan's Cool Jack; Mr. J. Clarke's Betty Caw v. Miss Kiernan's Switch Heron; Mr. C. Whelehan's No Start v. Mr. J. Stone's Mayflower Lass; Mrs. Daly's Queen of Capri v. Mr. W. Caffrey's Lawyer's Selected; Miss Cullen's Jassler v. Mr. J. Gallagher's Egypt's Daughter; Mrs. Packenham's Maris Stella v. Miss Bailesly's Cool Fan.

LOCAL STAKE (8 all-ages)—Mr. J. Larrigy's Lively Lawyer v. Mrs. Bailesly's Tom Avic; Mr. M. Lorraine's Lough-ennel Boy v. Mr. M. Kiernan's Dark Mansion; Mr. M. Fay's Frosty Kernel v. Mr. D. Brennan's Flunked; Mr. F. Duncan's Pulchra v. Mr. M. O'Reilly's White Kernel.

First brace in slips at 11 a.m.

NORTH KILKENNY—THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

TRIAL STAKES (32 dog puppies).—Mr. L. Maher's Monogram v. Mr. J. Dunphy's Dotted Line; Mr. T. Fennin's Fearless Hobo v. Mr. J. Campion's Castlecomer; Mr. P. Kennedy's Delaglace v. Mr. T. O'Dwyer's Sunville Champion; Mr. M. Grace's Gringo v. Mr. M. J. Coolahan's Coolet's Joyce; Mr. J. Clifford's Cheers for the Lane v. Mr. R. W. H. Moreland's Model Moon; Mr. D. Deegan's Borris Pop v. Mr P. Fitzpatrick's Garrawn Schawwer; Mr. M. E. Hoctor's Shy Flier v. Mr. M. Tierney's Tutbury; Mr. J. Renehan's Rob the Grinder v. Miss A. Joyce's Jolly Select; Mr. J. Phelan's Patriarch Prince v. Mrs. M. Kilroy's Floating Crawler; Mr. J. Leahy's Moonlight Gambler v. Mr. A. O'Neill's Modern Misfit; Mr. M. Kennedy's Gaulstown Alarmer v Mr. J. Edmonds's Master L.; Mrs Q Quinn's Tipperary Rambler v. Mr. T. J. Joyce's Jolly Director; Mr. D Dunne's Draft Deed v. Mr. J. J. O'Donnell's Rylanella Boy; Mr. J. J. Dowley's Dec Pompy v. Mr. J. Kehoe's Steam Away; Messrs. Mooney and Garry's Refresher v. Miss M. Campion's Golden Bandit; Messrs. Foley and Mooney's Famous Manœuvre v. Mr. J. Brennan's Clear Sailing.

TRIAL STAKES (32 bitch puppies).—Mr. T. Leahy's Left Blooming Alone v Mr. T. J. O'Carroll's Maid of Malabar; Mr. S. King's Golden Privet v. Mr. J. Kennedy's Krone; Mr. W. Comerford's Lawyer's Daughter v. Messrs. Holland and Grace's Hill and Hollow; Mr. Mahon's Mischievous Winnie v. Mr. T. McEvoy's True Madeira; Mr. D. Banim's Hobo Hilda v Messrs. Byrne and Brennan's Lawyer's Pet; Mr J. Brophy's Brilliant Moon v. Miss N. McGree's Clone Road; Mr. P. Duggan's Moving Girlie v. Mr. L. Dardis's Discreet; Mr. J. Renehan's Belle of the Road v. Mr. M. Coolahan's Cool Rose; Mr. P. O'Gorman's Glorious Heart v. Mr. P. Coogan's Picketstown Rose; Mr. J. Ryan's Resound v. Mr. J. Kennedy's Kind Float; Mr. L. Gleeson's Deeside Ring v. Mr. J. Kehoe's Miss Cynthia; Mr. M. Murphy's Masked Queen v. "W. Twyford's" Tacita; Mr J. Brennan's Bansom v. Mr. M. Mullins's Knockmay; Mr. M. Kennedy's Gaulstown Cutlet v. Mr T. Kelly's Larchfield Lass; Miss N. Joyce's Jolly Peach v. Messrs. Thorp and O'Neill's Finnan Judy; Mr. M. J. Corcoran's Carmen Chita v. Mr. T. Butler's Rambling Rose.

THE HUNT CUP, with £25 added (for 32 all-ages).—Mr. M. Ryan's Dick the Dasher v. Mr. J. Murphy's Marlow Piper; Mr I. Kelly's Blandford Blast v. Mr. T. Hallihan's Dick O; Mr. R. McEvoy's Marvellous Bear v. Mrs. K. O'Callaghan's Ortack; Mr. A. Sandford's Ropewalk King v. Mr. T. O'Connor's Great Weather Now; Mr. T. A. Morris's Man o War v. Mr. D. J. O'Mahony's Hombre; Mr. M. Shearman's Sinn Fein Girlie Hero v. Mr. P. O'Brien's Corporal Cutlet; Mr. C. McDermott's Krusto v. Mr. M Dalton's Booleigh Sack; Mr. T. Fennin's Fino Hobo v. Mr. P. Dalton's Duty Tax; Mr. C. Wallace's Local Dandy v. Mr. R. W. H. Moreland's Model Song; Mr. A. Fitzgerald's Fleeting Gallant v. Mr T. O'Connor's Prince of Arragon; Mrs. G. Butler's Dandy Rattler v. Mr. S. King's Boys in Blue; Mr. F. Arrigan's Aratrum v. Mr. T. McGlynn's Duffy's Tea; Mr. J. Carrigan's Colleen Avara v Mr. E. Walsh's Cryptonemia; Mr. T. Ryan's Yankee Notcher v. Mrs. P. Flannelly's M.C.'s Fancy; Mrs S. Dunne's Silver Drum v. Mr. T. Butler's Tinder Box; Mr. D. J. O'Mahony's Acorn Cup v. Mr. J. H. Curran's Captive Princess.

KNOCKMANNON STAKES (No. 1) (16 2-course all ages)—Mr. F. Kent's Kilmacomma v. Mr. J. Kennedy's Keep Onward; Mr. P. Hogan's Crowsheen Boy v. Mr. M. E. Hoctor's Brantome; Mr. J. Carroll's Sheamus v. Miss May Strumble's Silvino; Mr. J. Williams's (jun.) Rathleish Boy v. Mrs. Conway's Cloch Blackbird; Mr. T. A. Morris's Martial Law v. Mr. J. C. Kavanagh's Just Certain; Mrs P O'Callaghan's Cross First v. Mr. P. Jacob's Royal K.; Mr. M. J. Coolahan's Cool Spotter v. Mr M. Mulhall's Mr. Lawyer; Mr. J. Gorman's Beautiful Roast v. Mr. P. V. Murphy's Mossy Dell.

KNOCKMANNON STAKES (No. 2) (16 2-course all ages)—Mr. J. Smee's Dolphin Boy v. Mr. P. Baker's Fizzing Days; Mr. A. J. Rush's Master Con v. Mr. P. Byrne's Birthday Joys; Mr. D. Elliot's Milvedon Pride v. Mr. T. J. Barrett's Bromoform; Mr. P. Hanlon's Solar Ray v. Mr. P. Delaney's Dewberry; Mr J. Tobin's Yep Neddy v. Mr. W. Buckley's Crocan; Mr. J. J. Foley's Falling Nut v. Mr L. Ryan's Recalcitrant; Mr. T. Phelan's Toddy's Gift v. Mr. J. Carroll's Chessman; Mr. E. A. Pierce's Skookum v. Miss N. Joyce's Jolly Specialist.

LISDOWNEY STAKES (16 2-course all ages)—Mrs. W. Quinn's Dargate v. P. J. Dupont's Dogaressa; Mr. M. Lennon's Gortalluck Lady v. Mr. A. J. Rush's Miss Con; Mr. C. Dunne's Money Clear v. Mr. P. Power's Pretty Keerie; Miss M. Higgins's Weatherbound v. Mr. R. Conway's Coolnde; Mr. J. Dowling's Dashing Flo v. Mr. D. Harding's Chemical Extract; Mr. J. Butler's Brag v Mr C Conway's Cheerful Custard; Mr. M. Darcy's Dark Dill v. Messrs. Foley and Mooney's Flashing Manœuvre; Mr. J. Butler's Beautiful Bess v. Mr. W. Graham's Anyhow

PARKSBROVE STAKES (12 all ages)—Mrs. P. Lacey's Ormac's Friend v. Mr. J. Morton's Molampus; Mrs. J. Holohan's Hefty Hiker v. Mr. J. Moylan's Escaped Hero; Mr M Shearman's Shearman's Pride v. Mr. M. Brandon's Belle Street Wonder; Mrs. T. Walsh's Wireless Battle v. Mr. E. Walsh's Half Heel; Mr. W. Barry's Castlemarket Lass v Mr. M. J. Corcoran's Clodagh Creme; Mr. J. Comerford's Coolbawn Lass v. Mrs. E. Phelan's Previous.

First brace in slips at 11 o'clock First day—Twice through dog and bitch trial stakes, Hunt Cup and Knockmannon No 1 Stake.

BIG CARD FOR THREE DAYS' MEETING AT TRALEE

KINGDOM CUP (32 all-ages). Winner, £100 and Cup (presented by Sir Maurice O'Connell, Bart.); runner-up, £30; two dogs, £10 each; four dogs, £4 each

Mr. C. J. Downing ns Old Scroll v. Mr. J. Griffin ns. Lawn Mower.

Mr. J. Daly ns. Valiant Cutlet v. Mr. T. O'Leary ns. Perigrinus.

Mr. J. J. Healy ns. Kilnaglory Leader v. Mr. P. H. Latchford ns. Grumble Away.

Mr. J. A. Morris ns. Kickapoo Lass v. Mr. S. M Walsh ns. Peter Tryon.

Mr. J. O'Neill's Sporting Captain v. Mr. J. C. Guihan ns. Mythical Monk

Mr. T. Kennedy's Coumeenole v. Mr. J. Clarke ns. Jolly Banker.

Dr. Trant ns. Going Cutler v. Mr. T. McQuinn ns. Choice Gin.

Mr. J. J. Liston ns. Gaelic Hero v. Mr. J. T. Egan's Satchel.

Mr. M. Moriarty ns. Fanciful Bead v. Mr. S. J. Brophy ns. An Diabhal Dubh.

Mr. J. J. O'Sullivan ns. Nosario v Mr. D. Walsh's ns. Boy of Mine.

Mr. D. Griffin ns. Bright and Beautiful v. Mr. J. J. Doyle's Tiershanahan

Mr. J. O'Burke ns. Jesting Rebel v. Dr. Griffin ns Pious Demon.

Mr. F. O'Leary ns Editor's Edict v. Mr. J. Barrett ns. Bad Feeder.

Mr. J. Murphy's Kiskeam Editor v Mr J. Baily ns. Silver Sweeper.

Mr. J. V. Rank's Jolly Red v. Mr. W. O'Sullivan's Loose Gunner

Mr. T. Ryle ns. Coming Eagler v. Miss Slattery ns. Canny Joker.

TRIAL STAKE (32 dog puppies)—Mr. Lynch's Linly Hill v. Mr. Brosnan's Brown Candy; Mr. O'Sullivan's Jare v. Mr. Harty's Tudor King; Mr. Keane's Galeside Silver v. Mr. G. McElligott's Tollanagh; Mr. Brosnan's Bansom v. Mr. Beaming v. Mr. V. Sheehan's Tidal Splash; Mr. O'Flaherty's Hawthorn Flower v. Mr. V. Murphy's Joke On; Mr. Murphy's Come On Ceris v. Mrs. O'Sullivan's Fallingarr Rose; Mr. Enright's Extra Expense v. Mr. Randall's Ardagh; Mr. D. Healy's Hussey's Pup v. Mr. Wolfe's Finneg Showman; Mr. Godfrey's Bronmore Hill v. Mr. O'Connor's Charcing Still; Mr. Daly's Turon's Point v. Mr. Latchford's Qui Si Sano; Mr. Field's Fountain Breeze v. Mr. O'Rourke's Boherbee Rover; Miss Hughes's Magna Petens v. Miss Foley's Francis Mac; Mr. Quane's Raging Roma v. Mr. Corcoranicide's Taobh an Chnuic; Mr. C. O'Connor's Malwool v. Mr. Slattery's Squarson; Mr. Brosnan's Bounty Bargain v. Dr. Trant's Tralee Townsman; Miss Hughes's Dark Maloma v. Mr. O'Sullivan's Neidin's Felicity.

TRIAL STAKE (22 bitch puppies)—Mr. McMahon's Mattie's Den v. Miss Boyle's Bunnie Doon; Mr. O'Sullivan's Laurach Flier v. Mr. Brosnan's Blight Beginning; Mr. Hartney's Moss Eagle v. Mr. O'Sullivan's Circle Dot; Mr. Barnes's Merry Madge v. Miss O'Keeffe's Dream Again; Dr. Enright's Sylvan Sal v. Mr. McCarthy's Obscure Lady; Mr. Greany's Gipsy Maid v. Mr. McElligott's Moss Grumbler; Dr. Nolan's Mystic Fire v. Mr. Enright's Early Train; Mr. Casbell's Conceited Dan v. Mr. Hannafin's Hard Coin; Mr. Farrell's Biddy's Day v. Miss Hughes's Fairy's Prints; Mr. Sugrue's Septem v. Mr. Brosnan's Bit of Mint; Mr. Murphy's Miss Sandhills v. Miss Hayes's White Broom.

BALLYBEGGAN STAKE (32 two-course all ages)—Mr. Lynch's Bumper Number v. Miss Stack's Brainless Boy; Mr. Holly's Successful Hill v. Mr. Buckley's Perreninit Rock; Mr. Kelliher's Elendale Boy v. Mr. Rahilly's Seattle Pirate; Mr. O'Neill's Beenstee v. Mr. Murphy's Monclair Mick; Miss O'Flynn's Faithful Cutlet v. Mr. O'Connell's Causeway After Midnight; Mr. O'Sullivan's Baby Sponge v. Mr. Walsh's Mickeltycud; Mr. O'Sullivan's Ashtown Prince v. Mr. O'Sullivan's Forest Gold; Mr. Brosnan's Doctor Foster v. Mr. Walsh's Crotta Dispute; Mr. Lenihan's Leading Osgur v. Mr. O'Donnell's On the Strand; Mr. Walsh's Winter Bark v. Mr. Slattery's Signal Set; Miss O'Brien's Betty's Pip v. Mr. O'Hara's Harvest Reaper v Miss Sheehy's Dromtacker Pride v. Mr. O'Connell's Cresty Point; Mr. Horgan's Kingdom Call v. Mr. Browne's Helena's Fancy; Mr. O'Leary's Halloween v. Mr. Flaherty's Ramour's Fortune; Mr. Shaughnessy's Mario Mor v. Mr. Healy's Rickeam.

PARK STAKE (32 one-course all-ages)—Miss Sheehy's Blue Loafer v. Mr. Moriarty's Mongrief; Mr. Ring's Election Rumour v. Mr. Stack's Sporting Spring; Mr. Joyce's Eagle's Boy v. Mr. Fitzgerald's Farm Labourer; Mr. Ryan's Aurel Rock v. Mr. Lynch's Brow Heater; Mr. Lyons's Long Jackie v. Mrs. O'Leary's Nordic Race. Dr. Trant's Tea Time Chance v. Mr. Walsh's Whitling Storm; Mr. Daly's Dame Court v. Mr. Chute's Mister Broadway; Mr. O'Connor's Nice Chap v. Mr. Moriarty's Doonshean Ocean; Miss Sheehy's Reserved Judgment v. Mr. O'Connor's Island's Trouble; Mr. West's Lisardboula Park v. Mr. Harrington's Hagg's Castle, Miss Roche's Dip Rod v. Mr. O'Riordan's Cresta Boy; Mr. O'Shea's Dungarvan Disterer v. Mr. Blennerhasset's Brighter Note; Mrs. Kearney's Cheerful Port v. Mr. Enright's Broumerine Rose; Mr. Quilter's Wax Girl v. Mr. O'Connell's Oakview Wady; Mr. Quane's Sand Lark v. Mr. Lawlor's Love of Home; Mr. Chute's Melody in Spring v. Mr. Kisane's Lame Eagle.

GAME PROTECTION STAKE (28 2-course all ages)—Mr. Murphy's My Cherry v. Mr. Moriarty's Aforinka; Mr. O'Brien's Swollen Maine v. Mr. O'Connor Curly Locks; Mr. Brosnan's Young Resonance v. Mr. McCarthy's Mons Brand; Mr. Connor's Ardnalee v. Mr Mahony's Manor Park; Mr. Carmody's Calibre v. Mr. Walsh's Wistatia; Mr. Walsh's Bata v. Mr. Rall's Rap and Call; Miss Nolan's Sporting Joker v. Mr. G. Tulloch's Ardkyle; Mr. M. Treston's Castlegar Sandhills v. Mr. J. Moran's Pinnet; Mr. J. McHale's Lonely Olive v. Mr. P. Kilbourys Glazette; Mr. A. Hoban's Bandicoot Star v. Mr. M. J. O'Toole's Carmel's Pet.

ENNISKILLEN

PUPPY STAKE (10).—Mr. A. McQuillan's Crocken Bush v. Mr. R. Johnston's Marked Street Boy; Mr. P. Scollen's To-Day's Programme v. Mr. J. Caughey's Flaming Flier; Mr. W. T. Hogg's Another Assignation v. Mr. P Scollan's Belleek Wave; Mr. J. J. Scollan's Fair Joker v. Mr. E. Collins's Fermanagh Hope; Mr. T. Breen's Brockagha Breeze v. Mr. O. McQuillan's Aghagay Boy.

OPEN STAKE (4 all-ages)—Mrs. C. Cummins's Wise Don v. Mrs. F. Scollan's Golden Chum; Mr. J. A. Crummie's Rude Lynd v. Mr. H. Corr's Heather Crest.

KILLYHEVLIN STAKE (14 all-ages)—Mr. T. Dixon's Drumed Bouncer v. Mr. J. Masterson's Mossfield; Mr. B. Moore's Boy Mac v. Mr. J. Caughey's Flaming Fluter; Mrs. C. Cummins's Mean Trick v. Mr. A. Cadden's Daring Defender; Mr. J. McCusker's White and Gold v. Mr. A. Robinson's Killycarne Bride; Mr. J. McCaffrey's Manis Convert v. Messrs. Crawford and Gardiner's Gardiner's Cross; Miss K. M. Johnston's Bank Director v. Mr. T. Devers's Dolly's Brae; Mr. J. McDonnell's Come On Daisy v. Mr. C. J. Maguire's Go Tappy.

DEVENISH STAKE (16 all-ages)—Mr. J. Caughey's Flaming Favourite v. Mr. T. Dever's Dr. Hiller; Mr. R. Loughran's Killnagow v. Mr. W. McGarvey's Crom Cross; Mr. J. Brown's Border Hero v. Mr. T. H. Duncan's Drumard Rover; Mr. R. McBride's Gun Carriage v. Mr. M. Moore's Terry Mac; Mr. P. Maguire's Crum Buffer v. Mr. T. Dickson's Drumee Blacksmith; Mr. T. Breen's Big Biddie v. Mr. L. Bleakley's Bronch Biddy; Mrs. Callaghan's Cute Sally v. Mr. D. Donaldson's Thimeal Lady; Mr. J. Wilson's Windskip v. Mr. F. Gavan's Jenny Cuckoo.

BELLE VUE STAKE (6 all-ages)—Mr. P. O'Shea's Glencoe Boy v. Mr. R. Cadden's Spinner Lad; Mr. L. Bleakley's Daily Service v. Mr. T. Tolan's Rare Saucepan; Mr. C. Curry's Guided v. Mr. P. O'Connor's Blaney Beau

BALLINROBE—FRIDAY

RATHCAREEN STAKES (16 puppies)—Mr. O'Toole's King Flame v. Mr. T. McCarthy's Clockworker; Mr. M. Mulkean's Paul McKeown v. Mr. T. Jennings's Moss Lord's Soul; Miss Prendergast's Lon Duffy v. Mr. P J O'Connor's Fraternally Yours; Messrs. O'Connor and Feerick's Mask View v. Mr. Rooney's Bushfield v. Mr. T. O'Kelly's Hornsbrook Fancy v. Messrs. Brown and Griffin's Corrib Foam; Mr. P. Brown's Canal Turn v. Mr. J. Durkan's Harrogate Ransom; Mr. Sean Silke's Van Side v. Mrs. A. Walshe's Miss Silelia; Mr. J. Hans's Jump for Joy v. Gowran Bee.

BALLINROBE STAKES (8 all-ages)—Mr. J. Sweeney's Electric Nut v. Mr. Jas. Murphy's Mac Fionn; Mr. Lydon v. Messrs. Brown and Griffin's Estoria; Mr. M. O'Halloran's Hello Gordon v. Mr. W. J. Silke's Decisive Cutlet; Mr. J. Boyden's Joyful Belle v. Mr. W. Clancy's Cloonguiding.

LOUGH GARRA STAKES (8 no-course maidens) Mr. M. Mellett's Golden Temple v. Mr. A. Hastings's Floating Power; Mr. P. O'Brien's Corals Law v. Mr. M. Quirke's Quiet Covert; Miss Diffily's Master of Carols v. Mr. J. Walshe's Mystery Ticket; Mr. Walshe's Foxhill Lass v. Mr. R. McManus's Ballygargadaun.

CREAGH STAKES (16 two-course maidens)—Messrs. H. and A. Morgan's Other Times v. Mr. B. McDonagh's Back Me; Mr. P. Browne's Canal Bends v. Mrs. F. Kennedy's Flush Leader; Mr. M. O'Connell's Cupola v. Mrs. M. Glynn's Belleek Hero; Mrs. Cusack's Golden Shield v. Mrs. J. Baynes's Vale of Realm; Mr. W. Geraghty's Young Heath Valley v. Mr. J. Mulkerins's Micheal John's Boy; Messrs. O'Connor and Feerick's Conifer v. Mr. Davey's Fanny's Pet; Mr. A. O'Malley's Gortnara Girl v. Mrs. Shannon's Lawyer's Table; Mr. J. Heffernan's Rattling Miss v. Mr. T. Flynn's Sancis

LOUGH MASK STAKES (16 one-course maidens)—Mr. B. Uniacke's Dispised One v. Mrs. K. Power's Sea Bequest; Mr. A. O'Toole's Carnalicka Rambler v. Mr. Lian O'Kennedy's Achill Amethyst; Miss Hopkins's Market Ledger v. Mr. T. Berry's Never Kiss; Miss Feeley's Pylot Porthioe v. Mr. W. Mitchell's Miller's Luck; Mr. S. O'Regan's Shower of Ruin v. Mr. G. Tulloch's Ardkyle; Mr. M. Treston's Castlegar Sandhills v. Mr. J. Moran's Pinnet; Mr. J. McHale's Lonely Olive v. Mr. P. Kilbourys Glazette; Mr. A. Hoban's Bandicoot Star v. Mr. M. J. O'Toole's Carmel's Pet.

BOYNE VALLEY

QUALIFYING STAKE (8 dog puppies)—Mr. O'Connor's Red Comet v. Miss Gaffney's Lavey Laddie; Mr. J. Bruton's Brown Feather v. Mr. Smith's Cross Figure; Mr. M. Reilly's Tellemoff v. Mr. Fitzsimon's Best Bet; Mr. T. Reilly's Another Sensation v. Mr. Duignan's Rove and Go.

OLDTOWN STAKE (5 bitch puppies)—Mr. Fitzsimon's Golden Myth v. Mr. Brophy's Moydorragh Lass; Mr. Coughlan's Miss Peg v. Mr. M. Reilly's Ballwatha Rose; Mr. Buchanan's Ruby Shell a bye.

JOHNSTOWN STAKE—Connell Cup—(8 all-ages)—Mr. M. Reilly's Dee Express v. Mr. Fogarty's Waltz Up; Mr. J. Bruton's Brown Stripes v. Mr. J. O'Reilly's Capital Rap; Mr. T. Reilly's Another Bank v. Mr. Mooney's Monotor; Mr. M. Reilly's Clare Hope v. Mr. Moore's Harristown Place.

FOLLISTOWN STAKE (16 2-course all-ages)—Mr. Ryan's Garryowen Black v. Mr. M. Reilly's Drumcairn Slasher; Mr. Culligan's Image of Granny v. Mr. Sherwin's Fighting True; Mr. Lynch's Enfield v. Mr. J. Bruton's Black Elm; Mr. Caffrey's Border Beak v. Mr. Gibney's Belleek Rattler; Mr. M. Reilly's Drumcarn Fool v. Mr. Smith's Prince Rattler; Mr. Marry's Balreeny Cross v. Mr. J. Roantree's Rye Realm; Mr. Smith's Gala Kit v. Mr. Cantwell's What Jewel; Mr. McGrath's Magic Water v. Mr. McLaney's Rescue's Bell.

Meet at Moortown Cross at 9.30.

HOCKEY

THURSDAY'S FIXTURES

Trinity-Rovers v. Old Avoca. Londonbridge road, 2.30.

Pembroke Wanderers v. Corinthians. Serpentine avenue, 2.15.

Monkstown v. Mr. Morrison's XI. Royal terrace, 2.15.

TEAMS.

Old Avoca—H. C. Lea; J. H. Craig, L. C. Wilson; D. J. Coulson, R. F. Browne, A. D. Sarratt; A. E. Adamson, H. D. Sarratt, J. A. MacDonogh, A. A. Harris, H. F. Sloan.

Trinity-Rovers—C. R. Cuffe; G. K. Donald, M. Leonard; N. Thompson, R. Pilkington, I. A. N. Roberts; V. Mooney, R. Leonard, R. Russell, T. B. Dagg, C. N. Dagg.

Mr. Morrison's XI.—Leopold; Mullen, O'Donoghue; Browne, Sweeney, Morrison; Leopold, McCormack, Hoey, Leonard, Dorner. (Play in white.)

Pembroke Wanderers—N. McNeill; J. G. Franck, C. J. Little; S. J. Doyle, L. D. McMullan, G. A. Johnstone; K. P. Martin, G. W. Beegan, R. P. Martin (capt.), D. B. Lindsay, P. Webster.

THREE ROCK ROVERS H.C.

Fixtures for Saturday—1st XI. v. Y.M.C.A., at Londonbridge road; 2nd XI. v. Corinthians, at Templeogue; 3rd XI. v. Bray Rovers, at Bray.

(OTHER SPORT IN PAGE 13.)

THE LOC GARMAN CUP AT WEXFORD

LOC GARMAN CUP—For 32 all-ages. Winner, £100; second, £30; two dogs, £8 each; four dogs, £4 4s. each.

Mr. Stafford ns. Big Result v. Mr. Henehan's nomination.

Mr. Meyler ns. Chota Hazri v. Mr. Doyle ns. Mischievous Luck.

Mr. Wyley's The Wedding v. Mr. Mayler ns. Better Ryland.

Mr. Hayes ns. Frisco Hobo v. Mr. Barrett ns. Brilliant Side.

Mr. Corcoran ns. Rosetown Line v. Mr. Glynn ns. Sure Stonehenge.

Mr. Corry ns. Commanding Jack v. Mr. Doyle ns Son of the Road.

Mr. White ns. Campanula v. Mr. Bastible ns. Maple Meadow.

Mr. Murphy's Masked Parade v. Mr. Doyle ns. Caline's Share.

Mr. Butler ns. Better Spirit v. Mr. Whelan ns. Mooncoin Captain.

Mr. Mulhall ns. Jilted Judy v. Mr. Larkin ns. Lixnaw Sandels.

Mr. O'Connor's nomination v. Mr. Pierse ns. Here Rose.

Mr. Hughes ns. High Deeside v. Mrs. Collotton ns.

Financial News & Notes

DUBLIN UNCERTAIN

GREAT SOUTHERN RAILS DULL

IMPERIAL TOBACCOS STRONG

Trading on the Dublin Stock Exchange was of small dimension yesterday in view of the Christmas holidays, and the tone was rather irregular. Industrials inclined to harden, but the Funds and Great Southern Rails were dull.

Home Funds held up well, apart from Conversion Loan, which lost 10s. War Loan fell 7s. 6d. and Dublin 5 p.c. 1946-76 were 10s. lower.

A little support put Guinness units a few pence higher.

Great Southern Rails met with fresh liquidation and the Ord. fell 2 points, the Pref. 2½ points and the Guar. 2 points. The Deb. moved up to 85, but Great Northern Deb. declined to 79½.

Alliance Gas issues inclined to harden, but Ranks (Ireland) issues shaded off.

Irish Times 1st Pref. rose 1s. and Fry Cadbury Pref. and Todd Burns Ord. moved in favour of holders.

The feature among British Industrials was the sharp rise in Imperial Tobaccos to 154s. strong bid. Textiles also improved, and Vickers Ord. were harder at 20s. 4½d.

LONDON QUIET

GILT-EDGED LOWER

Owing to the late arrival of dealers, who had been delayed by fog, the London Stock Markets took some time to settle down when business was resumed yesterday, and when conditions became normal it was noticeable that the lack of interest was even more pronounced than was the case during the latter part of last week. In consequence the general tendency was somewhat dull and the majority of price changes unfavourable.

BRITISH FUNDS.

The Gilt-edged Market gave way all round as a result of small offerings of stock and absence of support. Declines ranged up to ⅜. Old Consols losing that amount to 85⅞. The only movement in India stocks was a small loss in the Threes.

FOREIGN BONDS.

In the Foreign Bond section the recent demand for Brazilians continued during early dealings, but early gains were not held, and the Fundings closed lower on balance. Among Europeans, Germans lost ground, but French Fours tended to go better, and others kept steady. Far Easterns were inactive and easier.

RAILS.

British Rails attracted little attention, but with the exception of Southerns and Great Western Ord., which came on offer, values were maintained. Foreign Rails, though idle, presented a steady appearance, and most Colonial and American Rails were unchanged.

INDUSTRIALS.

There was very little doing in Industrial shares, but a few good features were witnessedl, and the market, as a whole, held up well. The most important movement was a sharp rise in "Imps," due to buying, in the belief that the accounts due in February will show a further increase in profits, and that a larger dividend will be distributed. De Havillands and Triplex were others which attracted buyers and showed gains. Among trans-Atlantics, Nickels were marked up substantially at the start to accord with the higher level reached on Wall street, and although the price eased later part of the early advance was retained. In other directions certain Motor, Brewery, and Iron and Steel issues moved ahead.

MINES.

Little interest was displayed in the Mining groups, and Kaffirs were mostly easier, owing to a little selling from the Cape. West African and Westralian issues were idle and rather dull, and other Mining descriptions were usually lower where changed.

MOTORS AND TEXTILES

BIRMINGHAM

Leading Motors neglected. Rileys declined sharply to 61/3. Leylands 79/3, Sercks 67/6, and Triplex 84/7½, all supported. Triumphs firm at 6.10/-.

Alvis	9/10½	Lucas	64/-
Austins	41/6	Napiers	11/9
Do. "A"	37/6	Raleighs	52/6
Bluemels	39/-	Rolls	151/3
Dennis	30/-	Rovers	22/-
Enfields	25/-	Singers	7/-
Fords	35/6	Standards	69/3
Humbers	17/9	Dunlops	37/6

MANCHESTER

Textiles in quiet request. Henrys and Spinners higher; other prices steady.

Bleachers	6/6-7/-	Courtaulds	56/6-57/-
Calicos	8/9-9/3	Dunlops	37/3-37/9
Dyers	9/9-10/3	Turner & Newall	69/6
Cottons	46/-47/-		70/-
Spinners	7/9-8/3	Wall Paper Def.	50/6
"Slubbers"	6/3-6/6		51/6
Coats	65/-65/6	A. & S. Henry.	13/9-14/3
Velvets	4/6-5/-		

BANKS.

THE STANDARD BANK OF SOUTH AFRICA, LIMITED.

Bankers to the Imperial Government in South Africa and to the Governments of Northern Rhodesia, Southern Rhodesia, Nyasaland and Tanganyika.

CAPITAL AUTHORISED AND SUBSCRIBED £10,000,000

CAPITAL PAID UP £2,500,000
RESERVE FUND £2,500,000
CAPITAL UNCALLED £7,500,000
£12,500,000

HEAD OFFICE:
10 Clements Lane, Lombard Street, and 77 King William Street, London, E.C.4.
London Wall Branch—65 London Wall, E.C.2.
West-End Branch—9 Northumberland Avenue, W.C.2.
New York Agency—67 Wall Street.
Hamburg Agency—49 Schauenburger Strasse.
OVER 370 BRANCHES, SUB-BRANCHES and AGENCIES in SOUTH, EAST and CENTRAL AFRICA.

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The Bank has over 370 Branches in Africa, and Agents and Correspondents throughout the World. The closest touch with Trade and Industrial conditions is maintained, with special attention to Commercial and Credit Intelligence. This Service is available to Exporters, Importers and others wishing to develop trade with South, East and Central Africa.

The Standard Bank Monthly Review is sent post free on application. It gives the latest information on all South, East and Central African matters of Trade and Commercial interest.

BERTRAM LOWNDES, London Manager.

VALUE OF THE £

	Monday.	Saturday.	Per Cent. of Parity.
New York	4.92⅛*	4.92⅛	101.2
Montreal	4.96¼	4.96⅜	102.0
Amsterdam	7.27	7.27½	60.0
Berlin	12.27	12.27	60.1
Brussels	29.27	29.28	83.6
Copenhagen	22.40	22.40	123.4
Geneva	15 18½	15 20	60.2
Milan	61¼	61⅛	66.2
Oslo	19.90¼	19.90¼	109.6
Paris	74⅛	74⅛	60.2
Stockholm	19.39½	19.39½	106.8
Kobe	14⅞	14⅞	173.3

*Close in New York, 4.92¼.

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

Monday Night.

STOCKS AND SHARES:

London quiet.
Dublin uncertain.
Manchester Textiles steady.
Birmingham Motors dull.
New York irregular.

MONEY:

Bank of England Rate	2	p.c.
Last Year	2	p.c.
Irish Bank Rate	3	p.c.
London Day-to-Day Loans	½	p.c.
London Three Months' Bills	½-⅝	p.c
Price of Gold	141/1	
Silver (spot)	—	

THE INDUSTRIAL MARKET

TOBACCO SHARES PROMINENT

Trading in the Industrial market yesterday was on a small scale, and prices in most sections moved in rather irregular fashion. With few exceptions, operators were not inclined to extend commitments in view of the fresh political developments over the holiday. The trans-Atlantic counters showed to advantage at first in response to the weekend advices from Wall Street, but the trend became rather uncertain. Brazilian Tractions continued a firm spot, but Radios slipped back. "Emmies" were a few pence easier on balance.

Cables and Wireless stocks moved within narrow limits.

STRONG FEATURE.

A strong feature was provided among Iron and Steel descriptions by Richard Thomas, which came into keen demand on the news that the company had acquired rights in a U.S. rolling process, and also of reports of an agreement with the Austin Motor Company. Otherwise business was small and an easier tendency prevailed.

Despite fears of a strike Coal shares showed little change. In common with other groups Motors made a rather mixed showing. Leylands continued in good request on dividend hopes. Austins, on the other hand, were a dull spot. De Havillands were a firm feature among the Aviations on dividend expectations. Bristol Aero hardened, and Fairey responded to the report by improving further.

Breweries did not move to any material extent, but the tone continued firm. Guinness again received moderate support.

"IMPS" NEW HIGH LEVEL.

The Tobacco leaders came in for renewed attention, following the increase in the United South distribution for the year. United South advanced and "Imps" were prominent on dividend and bonus hopes, the price reaching a new high level.

Departmental Stores presented a firm front. Marks and Spencers hardened, and O.K. Bazaars improved.

In the Provision and Catering section, Tate and Lyle held their recent rise, while Unilever N.V. were marked up.

Textiles had a quiet appearance, and changes were small. Among Ravons, Courtaulds remained steady. Snia Viscosa were marked down on the international situation.

Apart from Furness Withy, which hardened, Shipping issues seemed undecided.

The Miscellaneous section made a satisfactory showing, although business was on a small scale. Cement shares generally had an easier tendency. Triplex Glass came into renewed demand on favourable trading reports, but Turner and Newalls were easier.

OIL MARKET SMALL

Dealers in the Oil Share market yesterday reported less inclination than is usual at this period of the year for business on the part of both professional operators and the general public. There was little doing on Continental account, operators in Paris and Amsterdam showing hardly any interest in this section of the Stock Exchange. The market here proved extremely sensitive to only small transactions in the leaders and the more speculative descriptions, and, consequently, price changes conveyed little indication of business done.

RUBBERS STEADY

While very little interest was shown in Rubber shares yesterday, the market kept steady, as the volume of liquidation in progress was too small to have any effect on quotations. In the commodity section, fair business was transacted, with spot rubber selling up to ⅞d. per pound. United Kingdom stocks of rubber increased by 1,458 tons last week.

AMERICAN FINANCIAL NOTES

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

EXPORT OF IRON AND STEEL SCRAP.

Steps are under way to form an export organisation of United States iron and steel scrap dealers, partly for the purpose of dealing with the newly-created Italian buying consortium and partly for dealing with the troublesome situation arising from the entry of many new small factors into the scrap business. Two representatives of the Italian scrap consortium are in New York at present with the view of expediting shipments estimated at 200,000 tons, which are still due to Italy on purchases made in August.

LOWER RAILWAY FARES ANTICIPATED.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission in Washington is expected to hand down within a fortnight a decision reducing railroad passenger fares from the existing average of 3.60 cents per mile to 2 cents for coach and 3 cents for Pullman travel, while the Pullman surcharge will be eliminated. This action, which aims at the revival of rail earnings, follows a two-year experiment by the Western and Southern Railway Companies with lower passenger rates, but has been stubbornly fought by the Eastern railroads, which at a recent hearing stated that it would mean an annual loss of 27,000,000 dollars.

QUARTERLY PAYMENT BY CONSOLIDATED GAS.

The Consolidated Gas Company of New York has declared a dividend of 25 cents—the same as for the previous quarter.

DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS

Irish Civil Service Permanent Building Society.—Receipts for year, £959,896; total assets stood at £684,256, including £71,225 Government securities and cash. Amount advanced on mortgage during year was £155,295. ... ng total £3,842,151. Amount held on deposit account from members and general public is £405,462. Board has added £8,000 to general reserve, making it £105,000. Net profits remaining with £4,934 brought in, £18,187. Dividend at 6 per cent. per annum, plus bonus of 10/- per share, both tax free (same); balance, £6,187.

Airspeed (1934).—Directors have decided to pass final dividend on Prefd. Ord. shares.

George Bassett.—Interim dividend of 5 per cent. (Same.)

Manchester Dock and Warehouse Extension.—Interim Ord. dividend of 2½ per cent. actual. (Same.)

Manchester Ship Canal Warehousing Co.—Interim Ord. dividend of 2½ per cent. actual. (Same.)

Matchless Motor Cycles.—Dividend of 2½ per cent. for the year, against 5 per cent.

Tamplin and Sons Brewery (Brighton).—Interim dividend of 3½ per cent. (Same.)

DUBLIN BANKS' CLEARING RETURN

Week ended	£	Last year. £	+Increase or —Decrease £
Dec. 21.....	5,613,000	5,683,500	—70,500
51 weeks to date ...	272,352,800	264,960,300	+7,392,800

LATEST CLOSING AND STREET PRICES

BRITISH FUNDS, ETC.

	Closing.	Rise or fall
Consols 2½%	85⅞ 83⅞	— 5/8
Do. 4 %	115⅞ 113⅞	— ⅝
3½% War Loan	106⅞ 105⅝	— 3/8
Fundins Loan	116½ 117	— ⅜
Victory Bonds	113⅜ 113⅝	— ⅜
5% Conversion Loan	104 104½	— ¼
3½% Conversion Loan	107⅛ 107⅜	— 3/16
4½% Conversion Loan	110⅜ 110⅝	— ¼
4% Conversion Loan	119⅜ 119⅝	— ¼
2½ % Irish Land Stock 1903	88 88	.....
Irish Free State 4½% Land Bonds	111 113	.....
India 3 %	85 85	— ¼
Do. 3½%	96½ 97½	.....
Do. 4½%	114 115	.....
Do. 5½%	102¼ 103½	.....
Local Loans	95⅜ 35⅝	— ¼
Sudan 5½ %	114 116	.....

PUBLIC BONDS AND STOCKS.

Cent. El. Bd. 4% 1939-89	107 109	.....
Do. 5% 1950-70	115½ 117½	.....
Do. 4½% 1951-73	110 112*	.....
Do. 5% 1955-75	118½ 120½	.....
Do. 4½% 1957-82	113 115	.....
Metro. Water 3 p.c. (a)	97 99	.....

DOMINION AND COLONIAL STOCKS.

Australian Com. 5 p.c. 1945-75	110½ 111	.....
Do. do. 4 p.c. 1945-68	103 105	.....
Do. do. 3½ p.c. 1948-53	102 104*	.....
Canada 4 p.c. 1940-60	103 105	.....
Do. 4 p.c. 1953-58	110 112	.....
Cape 3½ p.c. Cons.	100 102	.....
Ceylon 6 p.c.	101 103	.....
N.S.W. 5 p.c., 1945-65	110½ 111	.....
Do. 4 p.c., 1942-62	101 103	.....
Do. 4½ p.c., 1935-45	101½ 103½	.....
New Zealand 6 p.c., 1936-51	104¼ 104⅝	.....
Do. 3½ p.c., 1949-54	102 104	.....
Nigeria 6 p.c.	127 129	.....
Queensland 5 p.c., 1940-60	107½ 108	.....
South African 4 p.c., 1943-63	106 108	.....
Do. 5 p.c., 1945-75	114 116	.....
South Australian 5 p.c., 1945-75	110¼ 110¾	.....
Do. 4 p.c., 1940-60	101 103	.....
Victoria 4 p.c., 1940-60	102 104	.....
Do. 5 p.c., 1945-75	110½ 110¾	.....
Western Australian 5 p.c., 1945-75	111⅞ 112⅝	.....
Do. 4 p.c., 1942-62	101 103	.....

BANKS.

Anglo-South American (£10) £5 paid	6½	5½ dis	.....
Bank of Australasia	83½	91½	— 1/8
Bank of England	368	372	.....
Bank of Montreal	39½	40½	+ ¼
Bank of New South Wales	5	26	.....
Bank of New Zealand	40/6	42/6	.....
Barclay's "A" Shares	117⅛	111⅛	— ⅛
British Overseas	4	4¼	.....
Canadian of Commerce	29¼	30¼	.....
Chartered of India	12⅝	13	.....
Hong Kong and Shanghai	95	99	.....
Lloyds	67/3	63/3	.....
London and S. American	4⅛	4⅝	.....
Martins, £20 (£2/10 paid)	8⅜	9	.....
National	107	111½	.....
National Discount "B"	13⅜	13¾	.....
National Provincial (£4 pd.)	15⅜	15⅞	.....
Royal of Canada	2	2½	+ ⅛
Standard of South Africa	15	15¼*	.....
Union of Australia	6⅞	7¼	.....
Westminster Bank (£1)	24/6	23/6	.....

DRAPERY AND STORES.

27/9	Barker (John)	77/6	78/6	.....
7/0	Cook, Son and Co.	6/6	7/6	.....
—	Gamage (A. W.) Pref.	23/0	23/6	.....
84/3	Harrod's Stores	84/6	85/6	+0/6
6/9	Harrod's (B.A.)	6/6	7/0	+0/1½
23/3	Maple and Co.	22/3	23/3	.....
4⅜	Marks & Spencers (5/-)	4⅞	4⅝	+1/32
—	Selfridges Pref.	30/9	31/3	+0/6
114/9	Woolworth Ord.	114/3	115/-	.....
31/4½	Do. Pref.	30/6	31/3	.....

ELECTRIC SUPPLY.

—	Bournemouth and Poole	76.6	77/6	.....
37/0	City of London	35/9	36/9	.....
34/3	County of London	54/0	53.0	.....
—	Edmundson's	43/0	44/0	—0/4½
—	Electric Supply Corp.	80/6	82.6	.....
—	Lancashire	37/6	38/6	.....
38/3	London Electric	34/0	35/0	.....
51/6	Metropolitan	51/0	.2 0	.....
33/6	North-Eastern	32/0	33 9	.....
33/6	St James's	19	190*	.....
—	South London	33/6	35.6	.....
—	Whitehall Inv. Pref.	24/9	25/9	.....
—	Yorkshire Ord.	44/9	45/6	.....

ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT.

42/9	Associated Electric Ind.	42/9	43 3	.....
5	British Insul. Cables	4 15/32	4 17/32	.....
78/3	Callenders Cable	77/6	78.6	.....
—	Enfield Cable	5 15/32	5 17/32	.....
19/6	English Electric	19/10½	20.4½	.....
24/6	Ever Ready (5/-)	23/9	24.9	.....
72/9	General Electric Ord.	72/0	73.0	.....
7	Henley's Telegraph	6 13/16	7 1/16	.....
9 ·	Johnson and Phillips	8·6	49/0	.....
—	Philips Lamps	2¼	2½	.....
6 9	Siemens	26/0	27/0	.....
—	Telegraph Constr.	24/3	25/3	.....

INSURANCE

—	Alliance £20 (£2 4/- p.)	29	30	.....
—	Atlas £5 (£1 5/- paid)	13¼	13¾	.....
—	Com. Union £1 Units	10½	11	.....
—	Eagle Star Ord £5	22¼	23¼	.....
—	Employers' £1 (5/- paid)	3¼	3½	.....
—	Gen. Accdt. £5 (£1¼ p.)	23¼	24¼	.....
—	Guardian £5 (10/- paid)	15¼	15¾	.....
—	L. & Lan. Fire £5 (£2)	34½	35½	.....
—	Lon. Ass. £2½ (£1¼ p.)	15¾	16¼	.....
—	N.B & Mer. £5 (£1¼ p.)	30½	32	.....
—	Northern £10 (£1 paid)	20½	21½	.....
—	Pearl £1	22¾	23⅝	.....
—	Phœnix £10 (£1 paid)	15¾	16¼	.....
—	Do. £1 (f.p.)	17¼	17¾	.....
—	Prudential	37¼	37¾	+ ⅛
—	Do. "B" £1 (4/- pd.)	5¾	5⅞	.....
—	Royal Exchange	10¼	10⅝	.....
—	Royal Ins. £1 (10/- pd.)	9⅞	9⅞	.....
—	Sun. Ins. £1 (5/- paid)	1 11/16	1 13/16	.....
—	Sun Life £1 (f.p.)	7¾	8⅛	.....
—	Yorkshire 50/- (10/- pd.)	9½	13	.....

IRON AND STEEL.

—	Allied Iron	35/3	36/3*	.....
3/6	Amal. Anthracite	30/0	3.0	—0/1½
23/4½	Amal. Metal Ord.	25/6	26/0	.....
32/0	Babcock Wilcox Ord.	51/3	52/3	—0/3
8/0	Baldwins	7/6	8/3	.....
10/3	Brown (John) 6/-	10/6	10/6	—0/3
7/9	Cammell Laird (5/-)	7/3	8/3	.....
10/3	Consett Iron	10/3	10/9	.....
78/9	Cory (William)	78/6	79/6	.....
21/6	Dorman, Long and Co.	20/0	21/3	.....
33/3	Guest Keen	33/9	34/9	—0/3
5/1½	Pease and Partners	4/6	5/6	.....
19/9	Powell Duffryn	18/9	19/6	.....
30/0	South Durham Steel	28/6	29/6	—0/3
34/9	Stewarts & Lloyds Def.	33/6	34/3	—0/1½
11/3	Thomas (R.)	13/6	14/6	+1/0
1/16	United Steel Cos.	20/9	21/9	—0/1½
20/3	Vickers Ord.	20/1½	20/4½	.....

OILS.

M.U.—Dec. 16.

22/6	Anglo-Venezuelan	22/4½	27/10½	—0/1½
1⅝	Anglo-Egyptian "B"	1 15/32	1 19/32	.....
37/16	Anglo-Iranian Ord.	31 15/32	33 17/32	—1/32
36 7/16	Do. 8 p.c. 1st Pref.	3 7/16	36/16*	—0/1½
37/10*	Do. 9 p.c. 2nd Pref.	36/7½	37/16*	—0/1½
27/10*	Arex Trinidad (5/- shares)	2/9	3/3	.....
25/6	Attock	25/3	26/3	—0/3
13/7½	British Borneo Pet. (6/0)	13/0	13/9*	.....
7/0	British Burmah (8/0)	5/3	6/3	.....
3/3	British Controlled	2/10½	3/4½	.....
7/4½	Do. Pref.	6/10½	7/4½	.....
4/3*	Burmah	3 31/32	4 1/32	—1/32
78/0	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	37/6	38/0	.....
5/9	Canadian Eagle Ord.	5/3	5/9	—0/1½
6/9	Do. 7 n.c. 1st Pref (5/3)	11/9	12/3	.....
8/0	Do. 8 n.c. Pref.	7/6	8/6	—0/3
3/9	Kern River (10/-)	3/6	4/0	.....
1 12/16	Lobitos	1 25/32	1 27/32	.....
6/0	Mexican Eagle Ord.	3/4½	5/10½	—0/3
6/9	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	6/3	7/3	—0/3
6/1½	Do. 7 n.c. 1st Pref (4 pesos)	8/3	8/9	.....
0/6	North Caucasian (10/)	1/0	1/6	.....
7/10*	Phœnix Oil	7/9	8/1	.....
4/0	Do. 1/- shares	3/9	4/3	.....
28¾	Royal Dutch	28½	28⅝	+1/16
4 1/32	Shell Transport	3 15/16	4	.....
1 29/32	Do. 5 p.c. Pref. £10	1 27/32	13	.....
32/9	Do. 7 n.c. Pref	32/4½	32/10½	—0/1½
7/9	Steaua Romana	7/9	8/3	.....
5 4½	Tankers Pref	7/6	8/0	—0/3
9/9	Trinidad Central	9/3	9/6	.....
4	Trinidad Leasehold	4	4 1/16	—1/32
2 1/32	V.O.C. Holdings	1 25/32	1 27/32	—1/16
2 1/32	Do. 7 p c, Pref	1 29/32	1 27/32	.....

TEAS.

Amal Estates	11	Imperial	13/8	.....
Assam Con	1	Jelinga Valley	1/16	.....
Assam Front'r	5/8	Jhanzie	1/32	—1/32
Bor'wani Assam	2⅝	Jokai	2	.....
Borelli	2 11/16	Jorehaut	2¼	.....
Brahmapootra	18½	Kanan Devan	22	.....
Brit. Indian	2 7/16	Lebong	1	.....
Budla Beta	2 3/16	Lungla	1 7/32	.....
Ceylon Plant.	2⅞	Makum	1⅛	+1/16
Ceylon Prop.	1⅜	Moabund	1⅜	.....
Chargola	1 3/32	Nedeem	1 5/16	.....
Chulwa	2 5/16	Nuwara Eliya	4	.....
Cluna	2 5/16	Ouvah	1 11/16	.....
Do. Tea & L.	1⅝	Peacock & Nil.	1/6	.....
Darjeeling Co.	2 1/16	Pabbojan	3 1/32	.....
Do. Consol	2 1/16	Pundaloya	2 5/16	.....
Deundi	1 11/16	Rosehaugh Ce.	1⅜	.....
Dimbula Val.	1 11/16	Scottish Assam	1⅝	.....
Doonsa	2	Sect. T. & Lo.	1/6	.....
Doom Dooma	2 9/16	Singlo	1¾	.....
E. Assam	2 5/16	Sumatra	1 29/32	—1/32
Fast Produce	1⅞	Tamabil	2¼	.....
Empire	1 5/8	Up. Assam	1¼	.....
Galaha Ceylon	1⅝			

RUBBERS.

25/1½	Anglo-Dutch	23/3	+0/3
12/3	Anglo-Malay	12/6	.....
2/11	Bukit Mertajam	3/0	.....
0/10	Bukit Sembawang	0 10½	.....
15/7½	Grand Central	15 7½	.....
1 31/32	Highlands	1 29/32	.....
12/0	Jugra Land	12 0	.....
1⅜	Kuala Lumpur	31/0	.....
17/3	Linggi	17/3	.....
3/10½	London Asiatic	3/9	.....
22/6	Malacca	22 3	.....
29/9	Malayalam	29 4½	.....
2/9	Merliman-Pegoh	2/9	.....
18/0	Orient Trust	29 1½	.....
28/9	Rubber Trust	29 7½	.....
23/0	Tanjiong	19/9	.....
22/6	Tandjong Malim	22/9	.....
2 1/32	United Sua Betong	1 31/32	.....
8/6	Vallambrosa	8 4½	.....

TEXTILES AND ARTSILKS.

6/6	Bleachers	6/7½	7/1½	+0/3
10/4½	Bradford Dyers	9/6	10/3	.....
13/9	British Celanese Ord.	13/3	1.14/0	—0/1½
2/9	Do. Pref.	22/6	23.3	—0/3
9/3	Calico Printers	8/10½	9/4½	—0/1½
5/8	Canadian Celanese	5 7/16	5 9/16	⅛
15/3	Coats	15/0	15/6	.....
36/0	Courtaulds	35/9	37/3	.....
40/6	English Sewing Cotton	43/9	4.9	.....
7/9	Fine Spinners	7/10½	8/4½	.....
6.10.	Jute Industries Pref.	6/6	7/0	.....
	Linen Thread Ord.	31/6	3.6	.....
7/3	Lister Ord.	7/3	7.9	+0/3
64/0	Patons and Baldwins	64/0	65/0	.....
2½	Snia Viscosa	2⅛	2⅜	.....
—	Whitworth Mitchell	31 32	1 1/16	.....

MOTORS AND AEROPLANES.

41/3	Austin Motor (5/-)	40/6	41/6	—0/7½
—	Do. "B"	29/0	30.0	.....
8/6	Boulton and Paul	9/3	9/9	+0 3
3 5/32	De Havilland	64/3	65/3	+1/0
30/6	Dennis Bros. (1/-)	29/9	30/5	.....
24/9	Fairey Aviation	23/9	24/0	+0/6
35/0	Ford Motors	35/3	35/9	.....
31/0	Handley Page Pref. (8/-)	30/9	31/9	.....
29/6	Hawker (5/-)	29/3	30/0	+0/1½
—	Imperial Airways	25.6	26/0	.....
77/3	Leyland Motors	78/3	80/0	+0/ ½
—	Morris 7½ p.c. Pref.	31/0	32/0	.....
11/9	Napier Ord. (5/-)	11/3	12/0	.....
7⅜	Rolls Royce	7⅜	7⅝	.....
7/6	Singer Ord.	6/9	7/6	.....
—	Standard	68/0	69/0	—0/6
73/3	Tilling (Thomas)	76/6	77/6	+0/6

NEWSPAPERS.

33/9	Allied Newspapers Ord.	35/0	36/0	+0/6
—	Amal Press (New)	22/3	23/3	.....
23/3	Assd. Newspaper Def.	24/0	2.3/3*	.....
54/6	Daily Mail Trust	54/0	55/0	.....
23.0	Daily Mirror Ord.	22/7½	23/0½	.....
—	Financial Newspapers	4/6	5/3	.....
11/6	Odhams Press (4/-)	11/0	12/0	.....
47/3	Sunday Pictorial Ord.	46/3	47/3*	.....

NITRATES.

79	Cosach 7 p.c. Ster. Bds.	78	80	.....
8/7½	Lautaro Nitrate 7 p.c. Pref. (£5)	5 0	6/0	.....

REFRESHMENT AND FOOD.

4.9	Aerated Bread	24/3	25/3	.....
17/9	Bovril Def.	17/6	18/6	.....
6	Crosse & Blackwell	0/4½	0/5½	.....
2/0	Home & Colonial (4/-)	3/9	4.3	—0/1½
35/3	Inter. Tea Org. (5/-)	34/6	35/3*	—0/1½
3/9/0	Lovell & Christmas	3 0/0	3/6	.....
7	Lyons (J.)	6 15/16	7 1/16	.....
2/6	Maypole Def.	2/3	2/9	.....
—	Scribbans	10.9	11/3*	+0/1½
—	Stuart Ind.	12/9	13.3	+0/1½
41/6	Schweppes Ord.	36/0	37/0	—0/3
—	Smithfield Arg. Meat	1 7/32	1 9/32	.....
23.0	Unilever Ord.	29/0	29.6	.....
2.6	Do. (N.V.)	33.0	33.6	+0/1½

SHIPPING.

—	Cairn Line	5/0	5/6	.....
—	Cunard Ord.	4/0	4.6	.....
—	Elder-Dempster Realisn	3.9	3.9.5	.....
—	Furness Withy	17/6	18/-	+0/1½
—	Hamburg Pref. (£5)	7	8	.....
—	P. and O. Def. (£1)	17/3	17/9	—0/3
—	Royal Mail Realisation	43/0	44/0	—0/3

MISCELLANEOUS INDUSTRIALS.

64/0	Associated Cement	64 3	65/0	.....
8/10½	Assocd. British Pictures	9/10½	10/1½	+0/1½
—	Beecham's Pills Ptg. Pf	33/9	34.9	—0/3
40/6	Do. Def. (5/-)	39/6	40/6*	.....
4/0	Boot's Pure Drug (5/-)	4/0/0	5.0/0*	.....
18/3	Borax Con. Def.	20/3	21/3	—0/3
9½	Brazilian Traction	10¼	10⅜	+⅛
44/0	British Aluminium	43/0	44/0	—0/1½
58 6	British Match	57/0	58/0	.....
4 5/16	British Portland Cement	4 5/16	4 5/16	+1/32
—	British Power and Light	29/0	31/0	.....
48/7½	British Oil and Cake	48/6	49/6	+0/3
3 13/32	British Oxygen Ord.	3 11/32	3 15/32	.....
—	Cerebos Ord.	1 11 11/16	1 11 15/16	+1/16
—	Crittal's Manufacturing	26/6	27/6	.....
36/9	Dunlop Rubber	37.0	37/9	.....
5.6	Eastwoods Ord.	5.5/0	5.6/0	—0/9
27/3	Electric and Musical	27/4½	27/7½	—0/3
24.9	Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	24/9	25/3	.....
—	Finlay (James)	5.5/6	6.0/0	.....
10/3	Gaumont British	10/4½	0/10/4	.....
4/7½	Do. "A" Ord.	4/4½	4/10½	.....
18/0	Do. 5½ p.c. Pref.	17/6	18/6	.....
—	Harland Wolff Pref.

FOOD AND PRODUCE MARKETS

Birkenhead—Quiet trade for Cattle at late rates, and Lambs firm. Merklands—Prices steady. London—Grain cargoes quiet, Rubber firm, Tin easier, and Copper dearer.

CATTLE

BIRKENHEAD.—For the cattle on offer trade was quiet, buyers having fulfilled their Christmas requirements. Where sales were effected late rates were about obtained. Lambs were firm at from 10d. to 11d. per lb., sinking the offal. Supplies: 180 cattle and 900 lambs. In the dead meat section there was a steady trade for beef. Small sides made from 5½d. to 6½d., a few choice Christmas sides 6¾d., heavy sides 5½d. Lambs continued firm at 8¾d. to 9½d. per lb. for the carcases.

MERKLANDS.—688 fat Irish bullocks and 60 bulls offered. Good average quality handy-weights of top quality made up to 35/- in some cases, current 31/- to 33/-; heavy and secondary to 28/-; bulls 18/- to 24/-, all live cwt. Arrivals: 345 Dublin, 178 Waterford, 63 Cork, 31 Sligo, 145 Belfast 64 Derry.

MANCHESTER PIG.—Shipments from Ireland to this country for week ended December 14th totalled 8,762, as compared with 6,463 in the previous week and 8,574 in the corresponding period of last year. With very heavy supplies available on spot, trade was not quite as brisk as was anticipated. Baconers were quoted at scheduled rates, but prices for other descriptions were very variable in character.

BIRMINGHAM PIG.—Smaller supplies and practically no market owing to Christmas requirements having been satisfied. Trade was very slow, with values largely nominal. Bacons at schedule rates and a quiet demand. Cutters round 12/- to 12/6, porkers about 6d. to 1/- more than these quotations, and sows 5/6 per score dead-weight.

LONDON (METROPOLITAN).—Only a few beasts and sheep were available, and nominal conditions prevailed.

DONNELLY DUBLIN LTD.

	Export Pork Prices.	
Pigs under 6 stone	.... 56/-	per cwt., dead-weight.
" " 7 "	.... 52/-	" "
" " 8 "	.... 48/-	" "
" " 9 "	.... 46/-	" "
Sows	.... 25/-	" "

—(Advt.)

GRAIN.

FLOATING GRAIN CARGOES (BALTIC).—WHEAT—Steady conditions prevailed in the cargo section, but trading quiet while under holiday influences. Week-end overseas cables were rather featureless. The Baltic Exchange will be closed this afternoon until next Friday morning. December 27th. No. 1 Northern Manitoba (Atlantic, St. John's, shipment) December sellers 34/7½. No. 2 do. 33/-; West Australian new crop January 30/6, February 30/6; South Australian January 30/6, February 30/3; New South Wales January 30/6, early February 30/3; South Australian sellers early January 30/9. Parcels dull, and Canadian grades ruled 1½d. to 3d. per quarter lower, but French 3/- dearer, and Russian, also Danubian, 3d. up, with Australian unaltered, and Plate nominal. No. 2 Northern Manitoba, Vancouver, December sellers 34/6; Atlantic, St. John's, December-January 34/5, No. 2 do., Vancouver, December 35/6; Atlantic, St. John's, December-January 32/6; No. 3 Vancouver, December 32/6; Atlantic, St. John's, December-January 32/3; No. 4 Manitoba, Vancouver, December 31/7½, No. 5 do. 29/1½; South Australian afloat 30/9; Victorian afloat 30/9; New South Wales afloat 30/9; Russian on sample, December 31/6; Danubian do. afloat 25/6, French do. January-February 25/3 per quarter of 480lb. c.i.f. terms. Cargo market steady, but business restricted. Plate shipping-shipped also January and February sellers 17/3, March 17/4½. Parcels held for 1½d. per quarter advance, but demand slow to develop. Plate afloat also December sellers 16/10½, January also February and March 17/- per quarter of 480lb c.i.f. BARLEY firmer, but trade checked Canadian, also Russian, descriptions advanced by 3d. per quarter, and Plate and Persian 1½d., with others unchanged. Parcels of Plate 64-65 kilos January-February sellers 15/9; Russian January 15/3, Persian January also February 14/9; No. 3 Canadian Western (Atlantic, St. John's) December 19/- per quarter (480lb. c.i.f.; Californian, superior quality, December sellers 26/6; Australian No. 1 Chevalier December-January 23/-; Polish December 16/3 per quarter of 448lb. c.i.f. OATS firmer, but quiet. Plate sorts 3d. per quarter dearer, and Canadian 1½d. Parcels of Plate new crop January-February sellers 14/3; No. 3 Canadian Western (Atlantic, St. John's) December-January 17/4½; No. 1 Canadian feed (Atlantic, St. John's) December-January 16/7½, No. 2 do. 15/10½; No. 1 Canadian feed (Vancouver) December-January 16/11½ per quarter of 320lb. c.i.f.

MARK LANE CORN—There was a good attendance of buyers at the week's opening market, but trading quiet under holiday influences. Rates, however, were generally maintained, with feeding stuffs a firm feature on cold weather. WHEAT rather easier for Canadian, but others steady. No. 1 Northern Manitoba ex ship 36/9. No. 2 ditto 35/6, No. 3 ditto 34/6, No. 4 Manitoba 34/-, No. 5 31/3, Australian 32/6, French 29/- per quarter of 496lb. duty paid; English quoted 27/- to 28/- per quarter of 504lb. ex farm. FLOUR firm, London straight run 30/- per sack for country deliveries and 29/- London area. Country straights 22/- to 22/6 delivered. MAIZE fully steady. Plate landed 18/9, ex ship 17/9, December 17/9, January 17/9, February 17/9, March 17/6 per 480lb. Yellow maize meal £5 to £5 2/6 ex wharf London. Yellow African ex ship £4 10/-, mixed ex ship £4 7/6, cooked flaked maize £5 12/6 ex mill per ton. BARLEY firmer. No. 3 Canadian Western Atlantic ex ship 17/9, No. 4 ditto landed 17/6, Russian ex ship 16/9, landed 17/9, Persian ex ship 16/9, Polish landed 17/9 per 400lb. Californian ex store old 37/6, new ex ship 32/-, 44/-. Australian chevalier ex ship 24/- to 28/-, Chilean brewing ex ship 31/- to 34/- duty paid per quarter of 448lb. English new feed 22/6 to 23/-, malting 30/- to 54/- as to quality per quarter of 448lb. ex farm. OATS firm. No. 1 Canadian feed Atlantic ex ship new 16/-, landed 17/-, No. 2 Canadian feed ex ship 15/3, landed 16/3, mixed Canadian feed Vancouver landed 15/-, 15/9, ex ship to arrive 15/3. English 22/-, new 18/- to 19/- per quarter of 336lb. ex farm. MILLERS' WHEATFEED upheld. Broad digestive bran 6/3 to 6/6, ordinary 5/9, weatings 5/- to 6/3, ground oats 7/3 to 7/4½ ex mill per cwt.

LIVERPOOL. — WHEAT parcels neglected, and nominally unchanged at 4½d. lower; No. 1 Manitoba December-January quoted 33/10½, Rosario Santa Fe January-February 34/-. FLOUR steady. MAIZE spot firm; River Plate 3/10½. No. 2 white flat African 4/-. Parcels River Plate inactive and unchanged; December-January quoted 16/10½.

PROVISIONS.

LONDON—BUTTER—Maintained quotations. New Zealand finest salted 89/- to 90/-, first grade 89/-, finest unsalted 98/- to 100/-, Australian finest salted 89/- to 90/-, first grade 89/-, finest unsalted 98/-, Argentine finest unsalted 90/- to 92/-, Danish 128/-, Dutch creamery unsalted 103/- per cwt., Dutch rolls 11/9 to 12/3 per doz. lbs.; English 1/4¼ per lb. CHEESE remained firm. English farmers rates from 56/- to 80/-, ditto loaf 72/- to 84/-, factory 47/- to 52/- per cwt. Cheshire national mark 84d. to 10½d., ungraded 7d. to 9½d., Stilton 8d. to 1/4 per lb. BACON—Market firm. Quotations—English ranges from 71/- to 85/-, Irish 70/- to 85/-, Danish 78/- to 82/-, Swedish 74/- to 77/-, Dutch 73/- to 77/-, Polish 70/- to 75/-, Lithuanian 71/- to 75/-, Latvian 71/- to 74/-, Esthonian 73/- to 75/-, Canadian 69/- to 72/- per cwt. HAMS firm. English as to weight 125/- to 170/-, American short cut 92/- to 95/-, Canadian ditto 91/- to 96/-, Argentine ditto 82/- to 88/- per cwt. LARD quiet. American boxes 66/- to 69/-, Irish bladders 76/- to 85/-, Dutch 68/- to 71/-, ditto 61/- per cwt.

SMITHFIELD POULTRY AND GAME.—Firm. Quotations:—Surrey chicken 9d. to 1/6, country 8d. to 1/3, Northern Irish 11d. to 1/2, Irish Free State 11d. to 1/3, Dutch 1/2 to 1/5, Hungarian 9½ to 11d., English hens, old 6d. to 8d., Irish 5d. to 7d., country ducks 1/- to 1/1, Aylesbury 1/1 to 1/2, English turkeys 1/6 to 1/10, Irish 1/6 to 1/8, Central European 1/1 to 1/3, English rabbits 6d. to 7½d., trapped 4d. to 5d. per lb. Pheasants 2/6 to 3/9, partridges 1/9 to 2/6, hares 3/- to 3/3, leverets 1/6 to 2/- each. Eggs—English ordinary packing, Grade 1 20/- to 21/-, Grade 2 19/- to 19/6 per 120.

LONDON CENTRAL MEAT.—Supplies to market 2,675 tons, being 988 tons British and Irish produce and 1,688 tons imported. Supplies of fresh beef in excess of demand. Pork in steady request. Beef—English long sides 3/8 to 4/6, ditto bindquarters, forerib and flank 4/8 to 5/2. Pork—English, under 10 stone 5/8 to 6/4, ditto 10 to 15 stone 4/10 to 5/8, ditto 15 to 20 stone 4/4 to 4/10; Irish, 15 stone and under 4/8 to 5/-, ditto suckers 5/- to 5/6.

LONDON.—Butter maintained, New Zealand finest salted 88/- to 90/-, Australian ditto 87/- to 89/-, Danish 128/-. CHEESE firm; Canadian white 54/- to 55/6, coloured 58/- to 62/-, New Zealand full cream 62/- to 68/-. BACON firm; English 71/- to 85/-, Irish 70/- to 83/-, Danish 78/- to 82/-. HAMS firm. LARD quiet. EGGS firm.

DUBLIN VEGETABLE.—Fair supplies on offer, with demand equal to an early sell-up at satisfactory prices. York 40/- to 70/-, large load, small 20/- to 40/-; savoy large 50/- to 72/-, small 20/- to 30/-, swedes and mangolds 1/- per cwt., cauliflowers 2/6 to 5/- dozen, seconds 1/- to 1/6; beet 1/- to 1/6, leeks 1/6 to 2/6, carrots 1/6 to 2/6, bags 2/6 to 5/-, parsnips 1/6 dozen, 2/6 to 4/6 bag; celery 2/- to 5/- bunch, turnips 6d. to 1/-, parsley 6d. to 1/- tray, 2/- to 4/6 bag, and 4/- to 7/- keg.

J. J. LIGHTFOOT AND SON, M.I.A.A., Auctioneers of all Classes of Fruit, Flowers, and Vegetables, MARY'S LANE and GEORGE'S HILL, DUBLIN. —(Advt.)

DUBLIN POTATO.—Supplies not so freely offering, and clearing well around 3/9 to 4/- per cwt. best table classes.

DUBLIN CHRISTMAS POULTRY.—Supplies continue heavy, with demand quietly steady; at present reasonable prices. Best cock and hen turkeys 11d. to 1-, choice 1/1 per lb., secondary 8d. to 9d.; fat geese 6d. to 7d., and chickens around 9d.

DUBLIN FISH.—Good supplies included 160 boxes mixed catch from 2 steam trawlers, 10 chests lobsters, 70 boxes herrings, and a small amount from country and local seaders. Demand slow at: Lobsters 15/- to 20/- per 15 large, medium 7/- to 10/-, small 2/6 to 4/-; soles 30/- to 35/- per 9 pairs large, medium 10/- to 15/-, slips 2/6 to 6/-; turbot 1/- to 5/- each, brill 6d. to 2/6, herrings 5/- to 7/- box, plaice 25/- to 45/- half-box, cod 15/- to 50/-, whiting 7/- to 22/6, ling 10/- to 12/-, ray 10/- to 17/6, haddock 25/- to 40/-, pollack 10/- to 12/6, conger eels 5/- to 8/-, gurnard 2/6 to 5/-, and white soles 15/- to 40/-.

BILLINGSGATE FISH.—Soles 12d. to 14d., slips 10d. to 12d., lobsters 18d. to 24d., crabs 2d. to 10d. per lb.; live eels 12/- to 25/-, dead 1/- to 2/- per draught; turbot 9/- to 17/-, brill 7/- to 9/-, plaice 5/- to 11/-, halibut 14/- to 17/-, lemon soles 9/- to 15/-, cod 5/6 to 5/-, whiting 2/6 to 4/-, hake 12/- to 14/-, skate, wings 4/- to 6/- per stone.

PRODUCE.

LONDON.—SUGAR—British makes unchanged, moderate demand. Foreign raws 96 per cent. January to the United Kingdom quoted 5/3 c.i.f. Terminal steady, slow. May sold 5/4 cwt. COCOA dull, unaltered. Accra G/F 22/6 per 50 kilos c.i.f. A clause to London 23/6 cwt. ex wharf. Terminal dull. SPICE—Pepper held steadily. Lampong black January-March quoted 24d., March-May 24½d., white Muntok January-March 41d., March-May 42d. c.i.f. Cloves steady; Zanzibar up 4 7-16d., December-February 6¾d. lb. c.i.f. Sago flour January 9/- cwt. c.i.f. RUBBER firm. Fair business sheet spot and January sold 6¼d., February 6¼d., April-June 6¼d., July-September 6¾d., October-December 6¾d. to 6¾d. lb. London stocks increased 574 tons on the week, and Liverpool by 884. HEMP—Manila firmly held; moderate inquiry K grade January-March £23 10/- c.i.f. Sailings last week cabled 27,000. SISAL firm, quiet. No. 1 African January-March quoted £28 10/-, No. 2 £27 10/-, No. 3 £26 10/- c.i.f. JUTE—Market steadier on balance, and a fair amount of business was arranged. Firsts November-December sold £20/5, December-January £20 2/6 to £20, January-February £20 2/6, February-March £20 5/-, £20 6/3, and £20 5/-; March-April sellers £20 8/9, lightlungs January-February sellers £19, February-March £19 1/3, Hearts January-February £16 15/-, Daisee £18 11/3, Tossa January-February sold £20, February-March £20 1/3 c.i.f. SHELLAC steady, quiet. T.N. spot 55/- to 59/-, March buyers 56/-, January-February c.i.f. quoted 58/-.

OILS—Linseed firmer, especially near positions. Spot (small lots) sellers 29/6, January 27/14, January-Apr'l 27/4½, May-August 27/9. Rape inactive. Crude spot 35/6, refined 37/-. Cotton steady. Crude Egyptian naked spot 26/-, common edible 29/6, deodorised barrels 34/-. Soya steady. English crude naked spot 31/-, deodorised barrels 37/6. Cocoanut quiet. Ceylon white drums spot 25/6, December 23/3, January 22/10½. English deodorised barrels 33/-. Groundnut steady. English crude naked spot 35/6, deodorised barrels 41/6. Turpentine firmer, American spot 45/3. Rosin steady. American Grade D 11/7½, F/G 11/9 per cwt. OILSEEDS—Linseed market firmer on reserve offers of La Plata. Plate to Hull December new-old-January new also February sellers £11 3/9, March also April £11 5/-. Calcutta to London December-January also February £12 17/6. Bombay to London December also January £13 5/-. Rapeseed quiet. Toria December-January £13 2/6, new January-February £13 10/-. Cotton-seed firm. Egyptian black to Hull December £6 12/6. January-February also March £6 13/9, January-February also March £13 16/3, April also May £13 17/6. Soya beans steady. Manchurian to Continent afloat £7 18/9 to £7 15/-, as to position, December £7 11/3, January £7 5/-. London December £7 11/3, Hull December £7 12/6. Castorseed quiet. Bombay December-January £13 1/3 per ton c.i.f.

LIVERPOOL.—COFFEE quiet on spot, fine qualities firm and scarce. LINSEED steady. PALM OIL fully steady. SOFT OILS December-January and later shipments £20 2/6. TALLOW idle. PALM KERNELS firm sellers December-January and January-February £11 12/6, buyers 2/6 less. RUBBER—Hard fine para spot 6¾d. LINSEED OIL steady. RESIN, PETROLEUM and GROUND NUTS steady. TURPENTINE steady.

LONDON METALS MARKET

TIN—Market dull and values ruled easier. On balance official quotations marked a decline of 30/- to 35/- per ton for cash and 10/- forward. Standard cash quoted £216 15/- to £217 5/-, three months £208 10/- to £208 15/-, settlement £217. Sales amounted to 175 tons; cash at £217, three months £209 to £208 10/-. English ingots quoted £217. East sold £214 11/3 c.i.f. COPPER firmer, while a fair trade resulted. Official quotations were 5/- to 6/3 per ton dearer for cash and 5/- forward on balance. Standard cash quoted £34 16/3 to £34 18/9, three months £35 5/- to £35 6/3; settlement £34 17/6. Some 700 tons changed hands; cash at £34 17/6 to £34 18/9, three months £35 5/-, £35 6/3 and £35 5/-; electros quoted £39 to £39 10/- wire bars £39 10/-. LEAD met with moderate support at lower rates; 700 tons sold; good soft foreign pig December £16 6/3, January £16 8/9 to £16 5/-. March £16 7/6 to £16 3/9, April £16 10/-; settlement £16 2/6. English quoted £18 5/-. SPELTER dull and easier; 300 tons sold; January £14 15/- to £14 12/6, April £14 17/6; settlement £14 15/-. SILVER quiet; cash quoted 24d. to 25d., three months 19½d.; settlement 23d. Sales 10,000 ounces; cash at 23½d. per fine ounce. ANTIMONY quiet, tending easier; English regulus spot £78 to £80. Chinese do spot £66. December-January £52, crude do. £52 per ton c.i.f. SECOND SESSION—Tin steadier, 75 tons sold. Cash buyers £217 5/-, three months sold £208 10/- to £209, closing buyers £208 15/-, 27th December sold £217. Copper quiet, 100 tons sold. Cash buyers £34 16/3, three months sold £35 6/3, closing buyers £35 5/-, 27th December sold £34 17/6 to £34 18/9. Lead steady. 100 tons sold. Good soft foreign pig January £16 5/-, April £16 3/9. Australian sellers £16 10/-. Spelter, also silver, idle.

WOOL

BRADFORD.—Quotations for merino tops are very firm, with 64's raw at 2/8, and the tendency is against the buyer. Quotations for cross-bred tops are unchanged and firm; business is rather quiet, because users are already well covered. Botany yarns are a shade dearer, whilst cross-breds are firm at fully late rates. Consumption is fully maintained.

THE AMERICAN MARKETS

STOCKS CLOSE IRREGULAR

NEW YORK, Monday.

European developments and the silver situation were restraining influences on the Stock Exchange to-day, and, following an irregular session, the turnover amounted to only 1,910,000 shares. The opening was irregular, and subsequent profit-taking caused an undecided trend, but price movements were chiefly upward under the leadership of Motor and Aviation issues. The market was moderately active in the afternoon, strengthening in spots on very selective buying, with advances ranging to 2 points. The close was irregular, with a 1-point loss shown by Western Union Telegraph, Radio Corporation, Eastman Kodak, Corre de Pasco Copper, and Celanese of America, while Columbian Carbon and Norfolk and Western dropped 3. A gain of 1 point was recorded by American Telephone, Allied Chemical, Air Reduction, Timken Roller Bearing, May Stores, and Northern Pacific. Detroit Edison, Chrysler, J. I. Case, and American Can advanced 2 points.

Call money remained at ½ per cent., and the outside rate was unaltered at ½ per cent. Prime Paper was quoted at ½ to 1 per cent. Open market discount rates were unaltered at ¼ per cent. bid, and ½ per cent. asked for 90-day bank bills, and ½ per cent. bid and ¾ per cent. asked for six months' bills.

Sterling exchange opened ½c. down at 4.92⅞. The rate remained at this level throughout the session, but finally closed ⅛c. lower, compared with the previous close at 4.92⅞.

Silver was 1c. down at 50¾.

	Mon	Sat
Call Money	Steady	Steady
London Cables	4.93⅛	4.93⅛
London 60 days' sight	4.92¼	4.92¼
London Bankers' do.	4.92⅛	4.92⅛
London Com. do.	4.91⅞	4.91⅞
Montreal Cables	4.86⅝	4.86⅛
Paris Cables	6.55⅝	6.55⅝

Eng. Parity.	STOCKS.	Closing Bid. Mon !	Sat
57⅝	Atchison Topeka, Santa Fe	86½	86
99⅛	Do. Preferred	99	99
16⅜	Baltimore and Ohio	14¼	14¼
10⅛	Canadian Pacific (New Stock)	10⅝	10⅞
4⅛	Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul.	1⅜	1⅜
1¼	Chicago and Rock Island	1¼	1¼
11⅛	Erie Shares	11⅝	11⅝
18	Erie 1st Preferred	15¾	15¾
19⅛	Illinois Central	19⅝	19⅞
8⅝	Lehigh Valley	8¼	8¼
38½	Louisville and Nashville	37⅝	37½
1⅞	Missouri Pacific	1⅞	1⅞
7¼	New York Central & Hudson R.	7⅜	7¼
21⅛	Chicago and North Western	20⅞	21⅛
23⅛	Northern Pacific Com.	22⅛	22⅛
30⅛	Pennsylvania Shares	29⅜	29⅞
38	Reading Shares	35⅝	35⅞
27⅛	Southern Pacific	25⅞	25⅞
13⅛	Southern Railway	12⅞	12⅞
106⅛	Union Pacific	104½	104½
2⅜	Wabash	2⅛	2⅛
136⅛	American Can (New Stock)	134½	131½
88⅞	American Smelting (New Stock)	58	58
78⅞	Anaconda Copper	23½	23½
23⅞	American Radiator	23⅛	23⅛
155⅛	American Tel. and Tel.	153	152
47⅝	Bethlehem Steel Com. Stock	48¾	47⅞
22⅛	Brazil Stab. 64%, 1957	21¾	21¾
30⅞	Consolidated Gas (New York).	30	30
36⅛	General Electric (New Stock).	36⅛	36⅛
56⅛	General Motors (New)	55⅞	55⅞
4⅞	Inter. Mer. Marine Com. Certs.	4⅛	4
44⅛	International Nickel	43⅝	44⅜
39⅛	Montgomery Ward	38⅛	39
202⅛	National Lead	201	199
28	North America Company	28⅝	23¾
12⅝	Radio Corporation Coupon	12⅜	13
46⅛	Royal Dutch Petroleum	46¼	46⅜
37⅛	Shell Transport and Trading	37⅛	37¼
15¾	Shell Union Oil	15	15⅛
140⅜	U.S. Rubber	14⅝	14⅜
45⅞	United States Steel Common	45¾	45¾
114⅞	Do. Preferred	112½	113⅛
9⅜	Brazilian Traction	9¼	9⅜
29⅝	Brit. American Tobacco Coupon	29⅛	28
5⅛	Hydro. Electric	5	5
34⅛	International Pet. Canada (New)	33⅜	33⅜
—	Silver Commercial Bars	50¾	—
	BONDS.		
108⅞	U.K. 5½% Bonds, 1937	106¾	106¾
116⅛	Do. Funding Loan 4%	114⅞	—
110⅜	U.S. Treasury 3½% Bds., '46-'56	109½	109⅝
40⅜	7% German External Loan	40¼	40¼
—	Amer S. Refining 5%, '47	—	—
—	Bethlehem Steel 5%, '42	—	—
101⅛	Chile Copper 5%, '47	100½	100½

* Asked; † Ex div.; ‡ Ex interest; ‖ Ex rights.

DOW JONES AVERAGES

	20 Rails.	30 Indus.	20 Util.
December 23	39.47	140.58	28.35
Last Year	35.41	99.73	17.00

MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE

Eqv. Parity.	STOCKS.	Closing Bid. Mon !	Sat
139⅞	Bell Telephone Co. of Canada	139	139
9⅛	Brazilian T.L. and P. Co., Ltd.	9¾	9½
28⅜	British Colum bia Power "A"	28	28
4⅛	Do. "B"	4½	4
6⅝	Can. Car and Foundry Co.	6½	6½
13⅝	Do. Preferred	13½	13¾
24⅛	Canadian Celanese Com.	26	26
116⅛	Do. do Pref.	116	119
6⅞	Canada Cement Co.	6½	6½
85⅞	Do. Preferred	86½	89½
10⅛	Can. Indus. Alcohol Com.	10⅝	10⅞
9⅝	Do. "B"	9⅝	10
10⅜	Canadian Pacific Railway	10⅜	11
7⅜	Canada Steamship Preferred	7½	7¼
7⅜	Cockshutt Plow Co.	7½	7½
203¼	Con. Mining and Smelting	202	202
31⅞	Dominion Bridge Co., Ltd.	31¼	31⅝
105⅝	Dominion Glass Co., Ltd.	105	105
70⅛	Dominion Textile Co.	70	70
14⅞	Hollinger Cons. Gold Mines	14	14
44⅝	Inter. Nickel of Canada	44⅛	44⅞
8¼	Massey Harris Co.	8¼	8⅞
31⅛	Montreal Light, Heat	31¾	32¼
30⅛	Do. Debs.	30	30
3¼	National Breweries, Ltd.	30	30¾
15⅜	National Steel Car Corp.	15¼	15⅜
191⅛	Ogilvie Flour Mills Co., Ltd.	190	190
104⅛	Power Corporation of Canada	103¾	104
14⅜	Quebec Power Corporation	14¼	14
20⅛	Shawinigan Water	20½	20
12⅜	Southern Canada Power	12¼	12¼
84⅛	Steel Co. of Canada	84¼	80½
197⅛	Do. Preferred	196½	197¼
267⅞	Bank Nova Scotia	265	265
149⅛	Can. Bank Commerce	149	149
162⅞	Royal Bank of Canada	161½	162

CUBS PRICES.

34⅜	Distillers Corp. Seagrams, Ltd	35	34½
31⅛	Hiram Walker Gooderham	31⅜	31¼
19⅛	Imperial Oil, Ltd.	19⅜	19⅛
13⅛	Imperial Tobacco Co. of Canada	13⅞	13⅞
23⅛	International Petroleum	23¾	23⅝
32⅛	Lake Shore Mines, Ltd.	32½	32
41	McIntyre Porcupine Mines	40¾	41¼
44⅜	Noranda Mines, Ltd.	44⅛	44

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKETS

Wheat—Manitoba barely steady, ½c. down; "Winters" firm, 1½c. to 1¾c. up.

	To-day	Prev day
No. 1 Northern Manitoba spot f.o.b. West St. John's	97½	98
No. 2 Hard Winter spot	132½	132
No. 2 Red Winter spot	115½	114

Maize steady, ⅜c. lower. Western No. 2 mixed spot, 78½.

Oats nominal.

Rye firm, 1¼c higher. No. 1 spot f.o.b. New York, 61½.

Barley steady, 1¾c. up. American malting c.i.f. New York No. 2, 54½.

Flour steady and generally unchanged. Spring clears were quoted at 7.20 to 7.45; Kansas straights, 7.50; Minneapolis patents, 7.85; baker's clears, 7.35; while rye flour closed at 5.50 to 5.70, all per 196lb.

Lard steady and unchanged. Prime Western steam loose 11.05; Middle West, 11.20 to 11.30.

Petroleum steady. Mid-Continent crude, 94 cents; Pennsylvania crude ,lower price, 182 cents; higher price, 202 cents.

Tallow steady. Spot extra loose, 7; spot special extra, 6⅞; spot in tierces, 7⅜.

Cottonseed Oil—Futures closed steady, 15 to 2 points higher. Contract basis bleachable prime summer yellow grade. Closing options—December, 10.85; January, 10.65; March, 10.62; May, 10.65.

Sheliac—T.N., 16.

Turpentine—Spot, 50½. Savannah spot, 45½.

Tin easy, 50 to 100 points lower. Closing options—December, 48.20 (48.70); March, 46.80 (47.10); May, 46.70 (47.00); July, 46.70 (47.00).

American Standard Copper quiet at a point advanced. Closing options—December, 7.95 (7.95); March, 8.06 to 8.10 (8.05 to 8.08); May, 8.15 (8.15 to 8.18); July, 8.25 to 8.30 (8.24 to 8.27).

Coffee on spot closed steady with Rio and Santos both unchanged. No. 7, 6⅜; Santos No. 4, 8¾. Futures opened steady, with Rio unchanged to 3 points down, and Santos 1 point to 4 points lower. The close was very steady, with Rio unchanged to 2 points up, and Santos 5 points to 1 point higher. Futures basis, Rio No. 7—Closing options—December, 4.59 (4.59); March, 4.70 (4.70); May, 4.82 (4.82); July, 4.93 (4.93); September, 5.05 (5.03).

Cocoa—Spot, 5⅜. Futures closed steady, 2 to 3 points higher.

Sugar on spot closed steady and unchanged at 3.10. Moderate buying by the trade and Cuban connections absorbed the scattered pre-holiday liquidation in futures, but the uncertainties regarding the Agricultural Adjustment Act continue to restrict business. The close was steady at 1 point higher to unchanged. Closing options—December, 2.27 (2.26); January, 2.09 (2.08); March, 2.09 (2.09); May, 2.13 (2.12); July, 2.17 (2.16); September, 2.22 (2.21); November, 2.26 (2.26).

Butter steady, unchanged. Grade 92 score extra, 34½ cents.

Cotton on spot closed quiet and unchanged at 12.05. Futures opened steady at 8 to 2 points rise. Interest was centred on the strength of the December option, for which, so far, no "notices" have been issued. The close was steady, with quotations 7 points higher to 2 points lower. New Orleans spot closed 4 points up at 11.77. Futures opened 1 point up to 1 down and closed 2 points higher to 10 lower.

Rubber Futures (No. 1 "B" contract)—Tendency dull, 1 to 6 points cheaper. Closing options—December, 13.21 (13.22); January, 13.25 (13.26); March, 13.44 (13.45); May, 13.60 (13.61); July, 13.73 (13.77); September, 13.85 (13.90); October, 13.92 (13.96). Outside prices—Tendency dull but steady. First latex thin crepe spot 13⅞ buyers; smoked ribbed sheets spot 13⅞ do., 13½ sellers; do. January-February-March 13⅝ do.; do. April-May-June 13⅝ do. 13¾ do.

(Previous prices in parentheses.)

OUTSIDE U.S. MARKETS

Kansas City—Wheat steady, spot ¼c. up and futures ½c. down. No. 2 hard winter spot, 113½. Closing options—December, 99½; May, 98½.

St. Louis—Wheat—May steady, ¼c. lower. Closing option—May, 102¾.

Minneapolis—Wheat steady, spot ¼c. down. Futures unchanged to ¼c. lower. No. 1 Northern Spring spot, 121½. Closing options—December, 115½; May, 1c.84½.

Duluth—Wheat irregular, 2¼c. up to 1⅜c. down. Closing options—December, 105; May, 98½.

WINNIPEG GRAINS

Wheat opened steady with prices unchanged to ¼c. down. The market declined on a limited export inquiry and on an absence of trading interest. The close was barely steady at ¼c. to ⅜c. loss. Opening options—May, 88⅞ (88¾); July, 89¼ (89¾). Closing options—December, 85 (85½); May, 88⅛ (88¼); July 88⅞ (89½).

Oats steady, ¼c. lower to ¼c. higher. Closing options—December, 30½ (30½); May, 31¾ (31¾); July, 32½ (32½).

Rye steady, ¼c. to ½c. cheaper. Closing options—December, 42 (42½); May, 45¾ (45½); July, 46¼ (46½).

Barley steady, ¼c. to ½c. lower. Closing options—December, 35½ (35½); May, 37¾ (38); July, 38¼ (38½).

Linseed steady, 1¼c. to ½c. dearer. Closing options—December, 152 (150½); May, 150½ (149½); July, 150½ (149½).

(Previous prices in parentheses.)

ARGENTINE GRAINS

Buenos Aires—Wheat quiet, unchanged to 5 points down. Maize quiet, 14 to 12 points cheaper. Oats unquoted. Linseed quiet 5 points up to 11 points down.

Rosario—Wheat quiet at 4 points rise. Maize quiet at 10 to 8 points loss. Linseed quiet, 3 points to 1 point down.

CHICAGO MARKETS

Wheat opened steady at ⅜c. to ½c. up, and closed irregular at ¼c. up to ⅛c. down. No. 2 hard winter, spot, 115 (unquoted); No. 3 hard winter, spot, unquoted (unquoted). Opening options—December 103½ (102¾), May 99⅝ (99), July 90½ (90). Closing options—December 104½ to 104¼ (103 to 102¾), May 99¼ to 99⅛ (99⅜ to 99¼), July 89½ to 89¾ (90½ to 90¾).

Maize opened steady, with May option ½c. higher. The close was steady, but at ⅛c. to ¼c. decline. Opening options—December unquoted (58¼), May 60½ (59½). Closing options—December 58¼ (58¼), May 59¾ (60), July 61 (61¼).

Oats closed barely steady, with values ⅛c. down to unchanged. Closing options—December 26½ (26⅞), May 28 (28⅛), July 28½ (28½).

Rye closed barely steady, with prices unchanged to ⅛c. lower. Closing options—Dec. 51¾ (51¾), May 52¼ (52⅜), July 52¾ (52½).

Barley nominal.

Lard opened quiet. Trading was dull, and the market closed quiet, with futures 25 points higher to unchanged. Spot was unchanged. Prime Western steam, spot, 11.25 (11.25). Closing options—December 11.90 (11.87½), January 11.85 (11.82½), March 11.86 (11.85), May 11.97½ (11.95).

Bacon—Dry-salted bellies nominal. Fat backs steady and unchanged. Fat backs 13.00 (13.00).

Hogs steady, with light sorts 15 to 25 points up and heavy descriptions 15 to 20 points higher. Light weight, 9.45 to 9.80; heavy weight, 9.15 to 9.55.

(Previous prices in parentheses.)

NAVAL OFFICER COURT-MARTIALLED

SENTENCED TO BE REPRIMANDED

Lieutenant-Commander Colin Douglas Maud, R.N., Commanding Officer of the destroyer Sardonyx, appeared before a court-martial at Portsmouth yesterday on four charges, and was sentenced to be reprimanded.

The first two charges were omission to ensure that issues of spirit to the ship's company were supervised daily, and omission to ensure that the allowance of spirit was a mixture of three parts of water to one of spirit, in accordance with regulations.

The third charge dealt with the supervision and custody of the keys of the spirit room, and the fourth concerned the officer's omission in permitting Sardonyx to be left without an officer in charge between seven a.m. and noon on November 16. The first three charges related to a period between July 14 and November 16.

The Court was presided over by Captain C. Coppinger, D.S.C., and Paymaster-Lieutenant-Commander A. S. Wiggett acted as the accused officer's friend.

NORTHERN PIGS BOARD

NEW SECRETARY APPOINTED

The Northern Pigs Marketing Board, with the approval of the Northern Ministry of Agriculture, has appointed Mr. Thomas Shaw their secretary and manager, in succession to Mr. A. N. Buckam, M.A., who has gone to fill another important position in England.

Mr. Shaw, for several years head of the Agricultural Department, Seale Hayne Agricultural College, Newtown Abbot, Dev

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